

## Notes from our President

Greetings Rotarian Genealogists!

One of the most important things you can do to improve your genealogical research is to improve your genealogical skills with education. And these days, there are so many opportunities for genealogical education, the only problems are finding the time and deciding which classes to take. Here are a few of the opportunities I've been able to take advantage of this summer.

Back in May, the National Genealogical Society held a virtual conference: *NGS Live*. I registered, but because of some scheduling conflicts I couldn't attend much during the actual conference. So, thank goodness I signed up for [NGS On Demand](#). After the conference, I received a flash drive with the 40 classes I selected plus some additional content. They had several different sized packages available and tiered prices, and the great news is that you can *still sign up* for NGS on-demand and receive your own flash drive full of classes. Just follow that link above to get started. The lectures I've seen so far are tremendous.

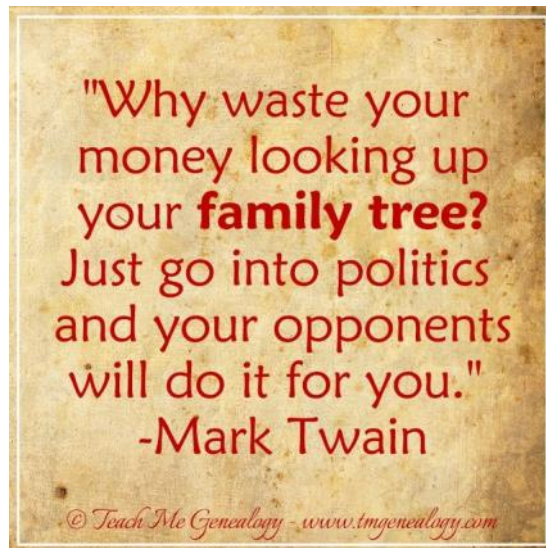
Then in June, I signed up for the first time for GRIP: the [Genealogical Research Institute of Pittsburgh](#). I took a week off from other duties and virtually attended Blaine Bettinger's DNA Basics class. The class ran all day Monday through Thursday, and half a day on Friday. I have been involved with DNA since testing my own Y-chromosome at FamilyTreeDNA, back before consumer autosomal DNA testing was a thing. And since autosomal testing has been available, I've tested everyone in our family, and many friends. I knew the class would be a good review, but I wasn't sure how much I'd learn with my experience. Wow, did I have a lot to learn! What a great opportunity to improve my DNA sleuthing skills. I am so glad I took the class, and I look forward to taking Blaine's advanced DNA class next summer.

And in July was the [2021 International German Genealogical Conference](#). Again, conflicting schedules prevented me from attending much of the live content. But I'm so glad I signed up for the "USB Works" package and look forward to receiving my flash drive full of classes. And again, the on-demand version of the conference is still available for purchase by following the above link.

I encourage you to seek out your own genealogical education. Join your local genealogy society and attend their conferences. Find national conferences. Attend an Institute. Subscribe to a newsletter or two (or more) to stay current on genealogy news. Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter ([EOGN.com](#)) and Extreme Genes ([extremegenes.com](#)) are two of the newsletters I receive by email, and there are many, many others. Go to the [Education section of Cyndi's List](#) to get some ideas.

Genealogy never stops and your education shouldn't either. Take advantage of the many opportunities out there. You'll be a better genealogist for it.

Bill Harvey  
President of FORG



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## FORG Calendar—UK Times

14 August 7:30 pm—8:30 pm (UTC+1)	Membership Meeting
15 October	Deadline for Newsletter Articles
16 October	Board Meeting
01 November	Newsletter Published

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# FORG Members Meeting—August 14 7:30 pm London Time 1:30 Central Time

## Special Speaker Peter Calver



Way back in 1978 Peter founded one of the first companies to produce software for home use and he has written many sports related software applications.

In 2003 he developed the Lost Cousins concept and he still runs the Lost Cousins website single-handedly, even though there are now over 90,000 registered members (however it would never have gotten off the ground if he hadn't had a friend who ran a web design company). As a member of Lost Cousins, Lawrence Tristram has found one (so far) on a branch of the family he had not even considered checking yet.

There is a discussion article on our website called 'What use is the census data?' which Tris wrote and he mentioned Lost Cousins there. Peter will be able to tell us much more and also tell us about his newsletter which is very interesting.

Please join us for this meeting.

### Zoom Meeting Link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4337626224?pwd=eJJoLzIPWkRpTTgzY2F3YlF0a2trQT09>

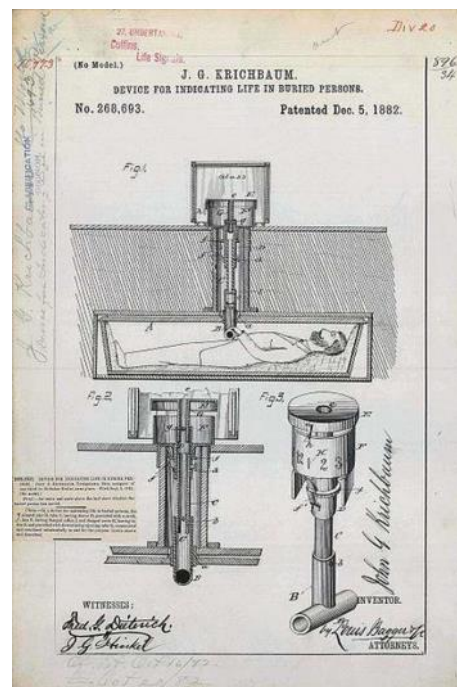
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### Work, Work, Work

On about this date in 1801, Britain's first census was begun. In a subsequent survey conducted in 1881, residents were asked to furnish their "rank, profession, or occupation." Some of the more puzzling responses, as preserved by the London Genealogical Society, included:

- Colourist of artificial fish
- Knight of the Thimble
- Disinfecter of railways
- Examiner of underclothing
- Invisible net maker
- Electric bath attendant
- Proprietor of midgits
- Fifty-two years an imbecile
- Knocker-up of workpeople
- Maker of sand views
- Gymnast to house painter
- Turnip shepherd
- Emasculator
- Sampler of drugs
- Fatuous pauper
- Drowner
- Count as female
- Fish-bender
- Goldfish-catcher
- Cow-banger
- Running about
- Grape-dryer
- Beef twister
- Random waller



## New Member Bio—Charles Thomas



I am a retired pharmacist in Alabama. Member of the Huntsville Rotary Club. I have been documenting on 23&Me for some time now. Also on Ancestry. I am still fairly active in professional pharmacy associations as well as Rotary. I have an Ancestry file but not active for a while. I am also a member of the Sons of American Revolution -SAR where my patriot ancestor ( Isaac Coles) is documented.

Any pointers anyone can give are appreciated.

My Family tree is partially filled out on 23&me as well as Ancestry.

## Board Member Bio—Sue Beety



Sue Beety of Menomonie, Wisconsin, USA is the current Secretary and Past President of FORG. In a former life, she worked as a Realtor, Dental Hygienist, as well as serving 19 years as an elected Alderperson on her city council. After retiring, genealogy became her obsession, enjoying the challenge that research provides and the family stories that are so important to preserve. Sue served many years as the secretary of her local county Genealogical Society and the West Central Rep of the Wisconsin State Genealogical Society Board of Directors.

Sue is married to Dennis, also a Rotarian. Dennis and Sue are both from Minnesota. All Sue's family lived, died, worked, etc. in Minnesota. She loves to drive to St. Paul (a 60 mile drive) and research her family. Michael and Mitchell, her grown sons, currently live in the Houston, Texas, area. (the site of the 2022 RI convention). The newest leaf on her tree is Vance Dennis Beety. He will be celebrating his first birthday June 1, 2022, in League City, Texas, the week of the RI Convention.

Sue attended the RI International Convention in San Antonio with her husband/incoming president Dennis in 2001. Until then, Sue thought Rotary was a club of old men and a few women, meeting for lunch every week and occasionally doing a project in the community. She was inspired by the commitment of Rotarians from all over the world that were dedicated to service in Rotary. Sue joined Rotary because she believes Rotary is truly the premier service organization and wanted to be part it. This was her first encounter with the House of Friendship and fellowships. Sue served as her club president in 2012-13. The road to President in her club is a 7 year commitment. The system allows each new president to have served in every Avenue of Service and as chair of the main fundraiser (rose sale). This system is hands-on training to every aspect of Rotary. Sue has served on many Rotary local and district committees.

Membership has been her preferred committee on most of the boards she has served on. In 2014,

fellow Rotarian, Lawrence Tristram of the UK was given her name from RI. Together, they brought FORG to life. FORG has proven yet again that Rotarians are the best volunteers on the planet and together they can do anything!



## How to Use an Address to Find Your Ancestor in the Census

Kelly Bodami, Italian Genealogical Group newsletter, Volume 27, No. 9, May, 2021

Year	Address	Name	Age	Sex	Marital Status	Occupation	Birthplace	Parents' Birthplaces	Other
1880	101 234	McCabe, Raymond	60	R	Mar	W	29	26	Massachusetts
1890	102 236	McCabe, Alfred	14	M	Single	W	36	33	New York
1900	103 237	McCabe, Vincent	19	M	Single	W	33	28	Italy
1910	103 237	McCabe, Vincent	29	M	Mar	W	24	24	Italy
1920	103 237	McCabe, Vincent	39	M	Mar	W	30	27	Italy
1930	103 237	McCabe, Vincent	49	M	Mar	W	36	33	Italy
1940	103 237	McCabe, Vincent	59	M	Mar	W	42	39	Italy
1950	103 237	McCabe, Vincent	69	M	Mar	W	48	45	Italy
1960	103 237	McCabe, Vincent	79	M	Mar	W	54	51	Italy
1970	103 237	McCabe, Vincent	89	M	Mar	W	60	57	Italy
1980	103 237	McCabe, Vincent	99	M	Mar	W	66	63	Italy
1990	103 237	McCabe, Vincent	109	M	Mar	W	72	69	Italy
2000	103 237	McCabe, Vincent	119	M	Mar	W	78	75	Italy
2010	103 237	McCabe, Vincent	129	M	Mar	W	84	81	Italy
2020	103 237	McCabe, Vincent	139	M	Mar	W	90	87	Italy

Sometimes we try to find someone in the census who just cannot be found. There are several explanations for this, especially among Italian and Italian-Americans. Census enumerators were often unfamiliar with the large variety of ethnic names and languages they encountered and sometimes the name was misspelled or recorded incorrectly. In other instances, the name was recorded correctly, but when the census was indexed, it was incorrectly entered in the database.

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## FORG Pins

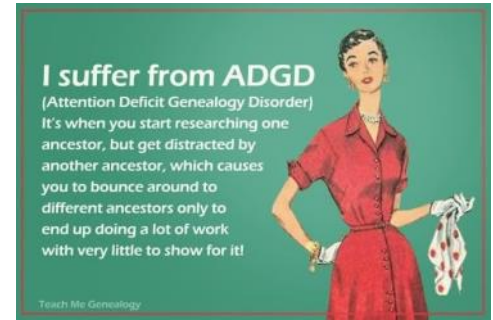
FORG magnetic pins are included with a life membership (\$100) and are available to other members for a \$12 (free shipping) donation.

Contact Sue Beety at [secretary@RotarianGenealogist.org](mailto:secretary@RotarianGenealogist.org)

## Beginners' Guides—Have a Plan

When I first began my genealogy research, I did not have a research plan. I wandered through records without a roadmap and went down many dead end trails. I also followed many “bright shiny objects” (or ADGD as shown to the right) which would end with some fun trails but not usually answers to my questions. Amy Johnson Crow’s podcast/article, “The Genealogy Research Process: The WANDER Method” may help keep you from wandering aimlessly through your research. She also supplies a printable to keep you on track.

[Check out her article here.](#)



## Conferences/Classes

[Conference Keeper](#) is an amazing site to find genealogical conferences, webinars, etc. It lists itself as “the most complete collection of Genealogy events online!” Sign up for their newsletter, and you will always have up-to-date on virtual conferences both free and paid.

Sept—[Registration for RootsTech Connect 2022](#) (Mar 3-5)

Sept 1-4 [New York State Family History Conference](#)

Sept 17-19 [Polish Genealogical Society of America Conference](#)

Sep 19-25 [British Isles Family History Society of Greater Ottawa Irish Lines and Female Finds: Exploring Irish Records, Female Ancestors, and Genetic Genealogy](#)

Sept 30—Oct 2 [North Star Genealogy Conference](#) *Link to the Past, Path to the Future*

Oct 5-25 [Southern California Genealogy Society](#) *Beginning Genealogy*

Oct 11-14 [International Society for British Genealogy and Family History](#) *English and Irish Research Tracks*

Oct 11-15 [Czechoslovak Genealogical Society International](#) *Celebrating Connections*

Oct 18-21 [International Society for British Genealogy and Family History](#) *Scottish and Welsh Research Tracks*

Oct 31-Nov 5 [Swenson Swedish Immigration Research Center at Augustana College](#) *Swedish American Genealogist Workshop*

2021 Nov 5-7 [London RootsTech](#) **CANCELLED**

2022 May 25-28, [National Genealogical Society Family History Conference](#) *Our American Mosaic*, Sacramento, CA

## Message from your Webmaster

Lawrence “Tris” Tristram [lgtforg@gmail.com](mailto:lgtforg@gmail.com)

**Update:** I have no major updates planned but I will be examining how to improve the on-line registration process.

**Members Area:** Being a member of a Fellowship means we have the opportunity to meet, greet and chat with other members worldwide on a topic that we are both interested in.

To make this possible we have the members area. In this area, we have some of our previous meetings with links to videos and the ability to add meetings of other bodies we consider could be of interest to the rest of the membership.

To me the most important part of membership is the member list, here you can search for other members by name, or by Club or District. If you are visiting somewhere, by doing this, you can find out whether there is a member in that area and make contact. But the, possibly, most exciting thing is you are able to search for names that members have added which they are researching and if these names coincide with any you are researching you can make contact, share information and, who knows, even breakdown a ‘brick wall’ by collaborating with them. I encourage all members who have not yet done so to add up to 8 names (i.e. the 8 great-grand parents family names) you may be researching.

In order to do this you have to be registered on the site and most of us are. However, our Secretary Sue has been checking the member database against the registered users and found a number of those who joined using hard copy (primarily those who joined at conventions) are not included. My task in the next several days is to add these members and as I do this, each person will receive an email from the site (the sender will appear as Wordpress) giving your login details. Please, when this arrives, login and check your profile.

Finally I encourage you to have a stroll around the site, enjoy it and if you can dream up a feature I could add let me know. Just not too complicated, please.



## Eight Tips for Finding Ancestors Prior to 1850

Kansas Pioneers from Library of Congress



If you've traced your family back to 1850 in the United States, congratulations! As you peer deeper into the past, you may find the trail is harder to follow. Gone are federal census records that list everyone by name and age, replaced by enumerations naming only heads-of-household. Use these eight tips to discover your distant roots!

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## One Touch Genealogy Research: How to Handle a Record Just Once

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What is the One Pass Approach to Genealogy Research?

What if you only had one chance in a lifetime to access a document you absolutely needed to break through a genealogical brick wall? This often happens when you are traveling overseas, perhaps visiting an archive in the land of your ancestors, and you know you'll never make that trip again. Or, it could even happen with online searching believe it or not! (See *Never Again Tell Yourself "I'll get back to that later"* below)

In addition, do you find yourself pulling up the same document to try and prove a certain fact like a birth date? Wouldn't it be great if you could "wring out" the document and get every last detail the first time?

One of the skill sets a savvy genealogist develops is the ability to "snag" a record and all its information as quickly as possible, but at the same time, evaluate the usefulness of the record and its data. I call this the **One Pass Approach** which is:

**The ability to quickly evaluate a record, save and secure an image of the record, extract as much information as possible AND write a basic source citation denoting how, when and where you accessed the record.**

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### 15 Great Ways to Plan a Family History Vacation That Will Be Fun For All Ages.

By Cathy Wallace

## GENEALOGY TRIPS Are the New FAMILY VACATION

BillionGraves



Genealogy trips can bring your family history alive!

Online archives and DNA have made it easier than ever to discover our ancestors and our heritage. So why not visit the places where your great-great-grandparents lived and died?

As you walk where they walked and do the things they did, you and your family will better understand "why you are, the way you are."

Here are 15 tips to help you plan a genealogy trip for your family. You will have fun—and you may even discover more ancestors along the way!

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## Family Recipes

### Forgotten Cookies

#### Ingredients

- 2 egg whites at room temperature
- 2/3 C sugar
- Pinch salt
- 1 tsp vanilla
- 1 C finely chopped pecans (optional)
- 1 C chocolate chips

#### Instructions

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
2. Beat egg whites until foamy.
3. Gradually add sugar and continue beating until they hold stiff peaks.
4. Add salt and vanilla.
5. Stir well.
6. Stir in pecans and chocolate chips.
7. Cover cookie sheet with foil and grease with butter or margarine.
8. Drop by teaspoonfuls onto the foil.
9. Put in oven then turn the oven off.
10. Leave overnight in oven with door closed.

*Luanne Newman, Member*

*Time-tested recipes from my maternal grandmother Olga Wille Fromm*

Photo from [lanascooking.com](http://lanascooking.com)



### Lemon Bars

#### Crust

##### Ingredients

- 2 C flour
- 1 C margarine
- 1/2 C powdered sugar

##### Instructions

1. Mix flour, margarine and sugar together.
2. Pat in 14 x 12 x 10 1/2 inch pan.
3. Bake 20 minutes at 350 degrees.

#### Filling

##### Ingredients

- 4 eggs
- 4 T lemon juice
- Grated lemon rind (optional)
- 1 t baking powder
- 2 C sugar

##### Instructions

1. Mix all ingredients together and pour over crust.
2. Bake 25 minutes at 350 degrees.
3. Cool.

#### Frosting/Topping

##### Ingredients

- 1 1/2 C powdered sugar
- 1 t vanilla
- 2 T butter
- 1 T milk

##### Instructions

1. Mix ingredients.
2. Frost bars.

*Luanne Newman, Member*

*Time-tested recipes from my maternal grandmother Olga Wille Fromm. She wrote it by hand in a recipe spiral she gave me when I got married in 1977.*





Find A Grave is a free online virtual cemetery with details about more than 180 million burials, grave markers, and memorials. For more than 20 years, Find A Grave volunteers have worked together, forming a community to find, catalog and share grave records from around the world.

## What You Can Find On Find A Grave?

- Burial locations and information from grave markers
- Location information for cemeteries
- Photographs of grave markers, cemeteries and more
- Burial information and other details for famous individuals
- Ideas for making your own gravestone or epitaphs more interesting

## Volunteer Opportunities On Find A Grave:

- Create a new memorial
- Fulfill a photo request
- Photograph a cemetery for transcription
- Transcribe photos added by others
- Add GPS coordinates to an existing memorial
- Suggest edits and updates for memorials

## Getting Started:

- Search for an existing memorial page for your ancestors to see what you can learn
- Add details to an existing memorial or create a new one
- Search for a cemetery near you and see what you can help with
- Sign up to be a photo volunteer

## How to Learn More:

- [www.findagrave.com/list-faqs](http://www.findagrave.com/list-faqs)
- [www.findagraveforums.com](http://www.findagraveforums.com)

## Tips for Taking Great Grave Photos:

- Use a camera or mobile phone with GPS enabled to add the grave's location
- Make sure your lens is clean and avoid including your fingers, feet or shadow
- Take multiple photos to show the marker and its context
- Try a few angles to get the most readable one
- Take pictures of all sides of upright markers that have text
- An overcast day or morning or evening often lead to the most readable photos
- No grave marker? Take a photo of the area where the grave is located

## Planning a Trip to the Cemetery:

- Look up the cemetery on Find A Grave to see where it is, what needs to be done, etc.
- Check the weather and wear/bring the right clothes
- Download the Find A Grave app for your phone
- Collect the items you'll need. You might consider:
  - Camera/phone with GPS turned on
  - Sun protection
  - Small towel, old clothes and shoes
  - Spray bottle with plain water
  - Small sweeping brush
  - Scissors or grass clippers
  - Kneeling pad
  - Notepad and pencil
  - Invite a friend or two!



Find A Grave has apps for Android and iOS. You can download the app by scanning the QR code at the bottom of this page. The app is a great way to use Find A Grave when you are out at the cemetery.

## Using the App

- Be sure location services are turned on so you can add GPS coordinates for the graves.
- When you are at the cemetery, open the app and click “Cemetery Search.” The map centers on the cemetery you are in. Tap the name of the cemetery to open it. If it’s not showing the correct cemetery, you can search for the cemetery.
- On the cemetery’s page you’ll see the number of memorials in that cemetery. Click the number to see and search the full list.
- Search for the last name of the person whose grave you are looking for or are looking at.
- If there is no memorial for that person, you can add one from the cemetery page (in iOS you can also click the + in the upper right).
- If there is a memorial, the search result will note if it needs a photo or GPS coordinates. If it does, swipe left (iOS) or tap on the result to go to the memorial page. Tap the camera icon to add a photo (adding a photo with a GPS enabled camera or phone will also add GPS coordinates for the grave), or tap the map pin icon to just add GPS coordinates.

## Why is GPS Important?

The Global Positioning System (GPS) is a satellite based location service that can help you know where you are and where other things are in relation to you. With a GPS enabled camera or smartphone, you can add a location to a memorial so others can quickly find the grave when they visit that cemetery.

## How do I add GPS to a memorial?

You can add GPS coordinates to a memorial by adding a photo of the grave taken with a GPS enabled phone or camera or by opening the memorial in the Find A Grave app and clicking the add GPS button while standing near the gravesite.



## Why Add Photos and Grave Information to Find A Grave?

We can’t say it better than this, *“Finding my husband's dad's grave was such a gift. My husband didn't even know where he was buried. Thank goodness for the volunteer who had posted the grave and name. It brought tears of deep gratitude, we can't say how completely grateful he was to find his dad's grave after 50 years. Thanks to all the volunteers and your dedication to give this gift to all of us searching for loved ones.”*