

## Notes from our President

Greetings Rotarian Genealogists!

My family has had the opportunity to do some heritage travel over the last few months. In August, my son Bob and I travelled to Ireland. In addition to having a wonderful trip and enjoying the country, the sites, and especially the people, we worked in a visit to the village of Drumquin in County Tyrone. In that little village, now located in Northern Ireland, one set of my 3<sup>rd</sup> great grandparents were married by a Presbyterian minister in 1831. Although documentation in that part of Ireland for that timeframe for the Presbyterian community is sparse, we enjoyed visiting the sites we knew of. Bob gets married later this month, so our family story continues!

Then in September, my wife Gretchen (also a Rotarian and a member of our Fellowship) and I travelled to Plymouth, Massachusetts to celebrate, with the General Society of Mayflower Descendants, Gretchen's Mayflower ancestors. Gretchen had 6 Pilgrim ancestors: John Howland and Elizabeth Tilley, John and Joan (Hurst/Rogers) Tilley (Elizabeth's parents), and William and Mary Brewster. You'll see Gretchen and me in our Pilgrim garb in the photo accompanying this article. It was great fun!



*President Bill Harvey and wife Gretchen visited Plymouth and learned more about genealogy resources!*

Some of us reading this article walk in the steps of our ancestors every day. Others are far removed from where our ancestors lived. If you get the chance to do any Heritage travel, whether at home or abroad, I highly recommend and encourage you to do so.

Please be sure to use the coming holidays, however you celebrate, to learn and share family history stories and to make some new family history of your own.

Bill Harvey  
President, FORG

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## MEMBERS: WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We have been fortunate to have some great speakers and programs at our Membership Meetings, and we are always on the lookout for good speakers and programs. Do you have a genealogy-related presentation you've made in the past, or one you would like to make? Heard a great speaker at a genealogy seminar? Have an idea for a program other than a speaker? Please let us know. Speakers and programs are one of the most important benefits we can offer to existing and prospective members, and we want to keep those great programs coming, so be sure let us know your ideas for future speakers and programs. If you have an idea, contact our President, Bill Harvey, at [paulharrisrocks@gmail.com](mailto:paulharrisrocks@gmail.com), or any of our FORG board members, contact information on our website.



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# FORG Members Meeting—November 20, 2021

7:30 pm London Time 1:30 Central Time  
*Special Speaker Karen Stanbary*



Karen Stanbary, Certified Genealogist®, specializes in DNA analysis, Midwestern, Chicago, and Mexican research as well as complex problem-solving.

*Karen tells a tale of genealogical research and methods wrapped in the intriguing tale of the Everleigh sisters who operated a “house of ill repute” in Chicago in the early 20th century.*

**Karen Stanbary, MA, LCSW, CG®, BCG Trustee**, is an author and national lecturer focusing on topics related to using genetic evidence correlated with documentary evidence to solve genealogical brick walls. A Chicago local, she holds a Master’s Degree in Clinical Social Work from the University of Chicago and has completed advanced graduate study in Social Anthropology at the Colegio de Michoacán, Mexico. Her genealogical practice specializes in Midwestern U.S., Chicago, and Mexican research as well as complex problem-solving, unknown parentage, and DNA analysis. She is a coordinator and faculty member at GRIP, IGHR, and SLIG. She received the NGSQ Award for Excellence for her complex evidence case study incorporating traditional documentary research and autosomal DNA analysis in the June 2016 issue of the *National Genealogical Society Quarterly*. Most recently, she published “Drowning in DNA? The Genealogical Proof Standard Tosses a Lifeline” in Debbie Parker Wayne’s book *Advanced Genetic Genealogy: Techniques and Case Studies*. She holds the credential Certified Genealogist from the Board for Certification of Genealogists where she serves as a Trustee and is chair of the standing DNA Committee.

“The single most important thing you can do for your family may be the simplest of all: develop a strong family narrative.”

-Feiler, Bruce, “The Stories That Bind Us,” *The New York Times*, 15 March 2013, p st1.

### Zoom Meeting Link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82693662154?pwd=UllNNWwxb3NpSjJvYXNWWVRReFU5QT09#success>

Meeting ID: 826 9366 2154

Passcode: 872982

**Members, In order to have a clear recording, please stay muted unless you are asked to unmute. Thank you.**

### FORG Calendar—UK Times

01 November	Newsletter Published
20 November	Membership Meeting
15 January	Newsletter Deadline
15 January	Board Meeting
01 February	Newsletter Published
12 February	Membership Meeting

[Check out this link to easily convert times to your time zone.](#)



## New Member Bio—Judy Muhn



Judy has been researching her family tree from the age of 12, specializing in French-Canadian, Acadian, Native American and Michigan research. Beginning as a professional genealogist in Europe in 1993, she has lectured at National Genealogical Society

conferences, RootsTech, Federation of Genealogical Societies as well as conferences in Europe and around the United States. Traveling extensively around the world, Judy has visited and researched in the villages and archives of Germany, Scotland, France, Quebec, and Ontario where her or her husband's family lived. Owner of [Lineage Journeys](#), she conducts research for clients and offers presentations throughout the country.

Judy is the President of the Oakland County Genealogical Society, Vice-President and Co-Chair for Social Media for the Michigan Genealogical Council, and a member of the National Genealogical Society, Ontario and Quebec Genealogical Societies, Detroit Society for Genealogical Research, French Canadian Heritage Society of Michigan and many more.

A nonprofit specialist, Judy is an Organizational Development Consultant for NEW – Nonprofit Enterprise at Work in Ann Arbor, sharing her expertise in fund development, strategic planning, board development, nonprofit governance and more, as well as long expertise in volunteer management from years of executive staff work in Girl Scouting, the American Red Cross and various United Way locations.

## Board Member Bio—Mike Fekete, Treasurer



I was born in Central Wisconsin in a papermill town called Nekoosa. My father's parents immigrated from Hungary in the early 1900's. My mother was Irish, German and 1/16th Mohican Indian. I've been told that my mother's ancestors include a Rozelle that came over on the Mayflower. I volunteered to be Forg's Treasurer as a favor to Susan Beety. I've found genealogy to be interesting but have never done research on my family tree. I have

three grown children and six grandchildren who all live within a four

hour drive. I have been a "Wisconsinite" all my life and live in Menomonie which is an hour East of Minneapolis St Paul.

I have a tax practice and am a Certified Public Accountant. I work with individuals and small businesses. I was active in sports growing up and played college baseball. I enjoyed following my children's activities and sports through college. I have been a Rotarian from 1983-1994 and then approximately 2000 until present. I follow the sports teams Milwaukee Brewers, Green Bay Packers and Wisconsin Badgers. I volunteer in the community and assist various nonprofits and have been our Rotary club's treasurer for about the last 8 years. I also volunteer time with the local Free Clinic, Menomonie Wrestling Club, Community Foundation, Rotary Feeds and various other organizations.



### 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)

Members,

Are you planning on attending the June 2022 RI Convention in Houston, Texas, USA?

If so, please notify Secretary Sue Beety at [secretary@RotarianGenealogist.org](mailto:secretary@RotarianGenealogist.org). We would like a general head count so that we can plan something genealogical for your visit.



## Conferences

[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.

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

2021 Nov 12-13 [Family History Federation Really Useful Family History Show](#) Virtual

2021 Nov 13 [Virtual Genealogical Association Conference](#)

2021 Nov 23-24 [British Military Research—Virtual Institute](#), International Society for British Genealogy and Family History

2021 Nov 27 [Sharing Shetland](#), Virtual Shetland Family History Society, UK

2022 Apr 2 [Conference with David Lambert and Annual Meeting](#), Virtual, Indiana Genealogical Society

2022 Apr 23 [East Coast Genetic Genealogical Conference](#), Virtual, Baltimore, Maryland

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

2022 June 17 [Palatines to America 2022 National Conference](#), Denver, Colorado



## Your Story

Luanne Newman, League City Rotary, Texas, USA

Singer Elton John sings to us about “Your Song” – but what about “Your Story?”

Have you written your story? Is it a daunting task? Who would even find it interesting, you ask yourself. Perhaps that is a valid question, but let me ask you this: what would you give to read some anecdotes from your great-grandmother or great-grandfather? Would you find your great-uncle’s accounts of wartime experiences to be of interest to you? Just learning the current price of staples – milk, bread, eggs – of our ancestors’ generation and how they were - or were not - able to afford it, may better paint the picture of life back in the 19<sup>th</sup> century.

In 2013, I heard a speaker on genealogy, Mike Karsen. Mike’s presentation was “Write Your Family History NOW!” He told us that we should be organizing our records and research results and put pen to paper to share them...as soon as possible (the “NOW!” part of his talk). For those who pledged to start writing, he promised to stay on them, sending them email reminding them and guiding them. Would that help you write Your Story?

Some twenty years ago, I attended an Illinois genealogy conference and in the vendor area I purchased a book, “How to Write Your Autobiography” by Patricia Ann Case. In it, the author tells about reading her young child bedtime stories, tiring of sharing stories of others. She approached her grandmother, begging her to write down stories of her youth so she could read real-life stories of their own family with the young boy. Well, the grandmother was intimidated. She was no writer. How would she begin to convey her memories? We learn that the mother was, in fact, a writer and she proceeded to pose questions – in paragraphs, and then in chapters. The very **answers** to these questions flowed beautifully into a rich story.

How easy is it to answer a question about yourself? I’d like to think most of us could do it quite easily and others would more than relish the chance to expound about ourselves. The beauty of this is you could write your answers in longhand, on your computer, or to a



Photo, circa 1910 of my Great Grandparents and some of their children, Fubine Monferrato, (Piemonte) Italy. Giovanni Federico Gatti and Adelaide (Zeppa).

video camera. Short or more detailed accounts would both suffice. You could even interview Great-aunt Caroline or Grandpa Wulfert. Family stories – stories about **your** ancestors are close to being lost unless you do something about it. I would go on about the possibilities on this topic but then this article would have to be re-titled “Their Story”.

With many records being digitized these days, I truly believe our grandchildren and great-grandchildren will discover family records much more easily than we do. The time we are spending on this fills our lives ...and we do enjoy it. But many of our stories will die with us, so isn’t it time to consider doing our part to capture this important bit of history for future generations?

Frank Sinatra croons that he did it his way – so do it Your Way. Write Your Story. Capture Your Moments in time on this earth. You never know who in the lines of your descendants, whose names are not yet written, will truly enjoy it.



Two photos of a ‘labor of love’ project one mother’s day for my daughter – a mug – I created the graphic and sent it to Shutterfly to create the coffee mug



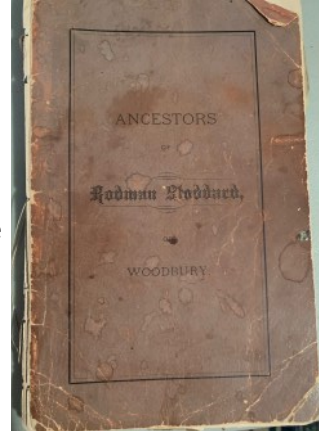
## What's in a Name?

M. Lynn Breyfogle, Danville Rotary Club, PA #530, [mlynn.breyfogle@gmail.com](mailto:mlynn.breyfogle@gmail.com)



My name is Mary Lynn (Massey) Breyfogle and I am truly delighted to recently find FORG! I'm originally from Michigan, but I have spent the last 20 years in central Pennsylvania and am currently the President of the Danville, PA Rotary club.

I was turned on to genealogy when assigned a project in 8th grade to create my family tree. Fortunately, my maternal great-grandmother, Florence Mary Stoddard (a member of DAR) had given my mom a copy of "Ancestors of Rodman Stoddard of Woodbury" (1893) by Edward Deacon (see photo) and I have been hooked ever since!



I dabbled for much of my adult life whenever I had chunks of time (usually in the summers since I follow an academic calendar!) and became much more serious since beginning an Ancestry.com membership in 2009. Staying close to home during COVID gave me the opportunity to jump into DNA. Both my parents, daughter, and myself have done either AncestryDNA, 23andme, or both.

Let me say that I have learned I am NOT a genealogist, I am truly just a family history dabbler and sometimes make a few erroneous assumptions instead of focusing on the documentation, although I do love the search and appreciate the Italian documentation, especially!! (If you have Italian ancestors and do not know about Antenati, you are in for a treat. [Here's a link to the records found for Scilla which can take you to the other regions.](#)

Last summer, I spent hours, nightly, investigating my dad's Italian side, in other words my paternal grandfather's heritage. My father's grandfather (Emanuel Antonio Mazziotti 1876-1963) was an immigrant to the US from Scilla, Italy in 1900 and was a stone worker on the Rockefeller Estate in his early married days. My grandfather, the oldest child, Rocco Joseph Mazziotti (1909-1995) was born on the estate. My father (b. 1940), the oldest grandchild of Emanuel, knew his grandfather well and spent every Sunday as a child at his Nana and Pop's home, which was in the corner building above their general store in Elmsford, NY. While my dad met and knew some of his Nana's extended family, he knew nothing about Pop's family.

As a baby, Emanuel was left on "the wheel" or "La Ruota", which is a phrase that refers to children left anonymously on a lazy susan often in the center of town or at a church. ([Read more here](#)) The family lore was that Emanuel was raised in an orphanage in Switzerland until age 10 and then fostered by the Bellantoni family back in Scilla, Italy. My dad's wild claims (he is NOT a historian) is that Emanuel's foster mother was his biological mother and that she showed too much favoritism to him as a teenager and the "brothers" were so jealous, that he went off and joined the French Foreign legion. Well, I have debunked the French Foreign legion part--the uniform he is wearing in a photograph of him (see photo) I have identified as an Italian Cavalry (through the sword, actually) --although I have not yet found his cavalry records. Anyone have advice for me?

One of my daughters (currently a PhD student in nautical archaeology) was helping me search Italian records and found and translated his actual birth record (see image) in Villa San Giovanni (which is the town next to Scilla). The "foundlings" are noted in the back pages of the registers for the year. We learned the name of the woman who found him (this is actually her job in the town) and **also that his name was made up** and given to him by the town clerk. Fortunately, his surname does not indicate anything about his situation, unlike some children given the names like Trovato (found), Abbandonato (abandoned), or Esposito (exposed). At some point, I'm hoping to follow the trail and see where Emanuel was sent to live in a convent. (It might actually have been Switzerland, for I have discovered this was the path for many Italian orphans left on a wheel).



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## City Directories: No Town Too Small, No Clue Too Little

Thomas MacEntee of *Abundant Genealogy*

Prior to the invention of the telephone and the telephone book, most cities and even small towns had a directory listing information on its inhabitants. Even after the telephone became popular, and up through the 1920s and 1930s, many towns continued to publish these directories. City and business directories are filled with clues to help you break down brick walls and better understand your ancestors.

### The City Directory: More Than Meets The Eye

When we say “directory” we mean much more than an alphabetical list of residents and their addresses. Here’s the basic type of information you can often find in directories related to an ancestor:

- Name
- Spouse / Marital Status
- Occupation
- Address
- Employer

Keep in mind that a directory for a large city such as Buffalo, New York or Chicago, Illinois will offer more information than a small town directory. However, I have seen some small town directories that even list when residents died in the previous year, and the ailment or cause of death!

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## Make Sure Census Pages Are in Correct Order!

By Diane L. Richard, *Internet Genealogy* and *Your Genealogy Today* author

**Sometimes, when a document is microfilmed, it ends up that the pages are out of order, and then when indexed, incorrect assumptions are made.** This was a case recently in researching Don McCullough; in the 1920 census, he is listed with his siblings (District 0028, Hazelwood, Chester, SC, sheet 8B) and was linked to the Alex Boulware family on the previous page. However, the McCullough siblings were not listed as step-children. We know that census entries are less than precise. Since it would be critical to understand if the McCullough children were linked to the Boulware family, this was investigated further. Ultimately, it was determined that the census pages were “out of order” for that district. The Alex Boulware family is listed on sheet 7B. This means that the next sheet should be 8A; it is not. Page 8A is after 8B. The torn corner might have caused this incorrect ordering of page 8B, and so it was possibly assumed to be an “A” page; it is not. If we re-order the 8A and 8B pages, we now find James A & Rachel McCullough at the bottom of page 8A with Don and siblings at the top of page 8B. It now makes sense. So, Don is a McCullough, not a Boulware. The other way to verify the date is by the dwelling numbers. The Boulware family is listed as dwelling 152, and the “McCullough” children are listed as dwelling 161, which is inconsistent. The newly identified parents (James & Rachel) are listed for dwelling 161, which is consistent. Since Ancestry.com and FamilySearch both have the same issue, the National Archives probably misfiled these records out-of-order. So, before you draw a conclusion involving different surnames or rely on an index entry, make sure the pages are in order!

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—Fred L (Sarah; Osborne Pharmacy) h721 14th  
—G D (Clemma) brkmn C&O h618 13th  
—Garland S (Anna M) pipe ftr Armeo h2620 Hampton  
—Geneva A student r2620 Hampton  
—Gerald T clk Ky&WVaP r2620 Hampton  
—Gladys Mrs boys supvr Pierce Mem Children's Home r2318 Winchester  
—Jesse B (Virginia) traffic mgr TelCo r Bellefonte  
—Joe (Opal) h317 14th apt 23



The above are from Editor Jenny Kendrick's family searches for her grandparents Baxter and Dorothy Osborne.

[Download 10 Tips and Tricks: City Directories](#)

## The Joy of Footnotes

By David A. Norris, *Internet Genealogy* and *Your Genealogy Today* author

**Footnotes can truly (almost) be “all things to all people”.** To readers in a hurry, they offer an expressway around what could be a distraction in the story. To the writer, they offer a way to list sources and add interesting bits of trivia without slowing their narrative. To the genealogist, footnotes can provide a wealth of historical sources about our ancestors and the times they lived in.

If reading a history book about a time and place where your family once lived, check the author's footnotes for possible genealogical sources. Historic newspapers consulted for the book might also mention your ancestors. In a military history, footnotes will steer you to published works or manuscripts of battle reports, muster rolls, or naval logbooks that might mention your ancestors, or at least paint a better picture of a battle or campaign they took part in. Footnotes in local-level histories can show you where to find published deed books or local court records. And, footnotes can also bring “new” collections of maps to your attention.

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[Internet Genealogy/Your Genealogy Today](#), *Genealogy Research Tips & More Vol 8 #22 Enewsletter*  
[Internet Genealogy](#)  
[Your Genealogy Today](#)

Note: Although October is over, I've included a bit of October info since October was Family History Month. I hope you find this info fun and informative!

# Celebrate NATIONAL FAMILY History Month

## Writing Your Family History

[Writing Your Life](#)

October is National Family History Month, a proclamation the U.S. Senate established in 2001 to commemorate the importance of sharing and capturing family stories.

"Millions of Americans are researching the history of their families," said Utah Republican Orrin Hatch when he introduced the bill. "Experts say that in the United States, genealogy is now the second most popular hobby next to gardening. It is believed that more than 80 million Americans are currently actively searching for more information about their ancestors.

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## 9 Easy Ways to Celebrate Family History Month in October

[Family Tree Magazine Article](#)

Family History Month often brings great opportunities to improve your genealogy skills, find out about new resources and meet others who share your passion for the past! Check program schedules for your local library and genealogical society to see what's going on near you. If you don't have time to head out to a Family History Month event, here are plenty of ways to acknowledge the holiday at home by working on your own family story.

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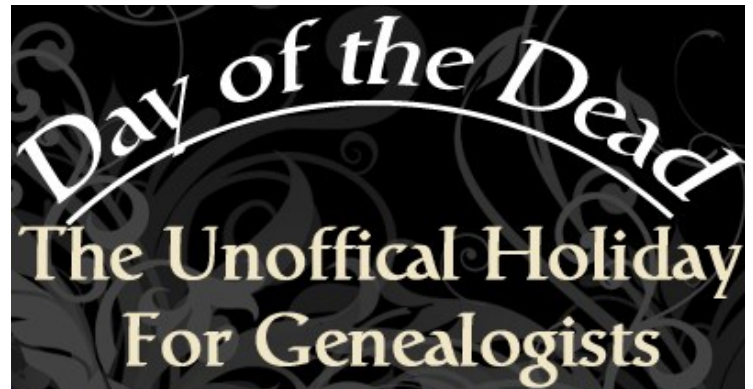
## Celebrate Halloween with Genealogy

[Jaclyn Brown, DAR Library Reference Services Librarian](#)

We know Halloween is a time for candy and costumes, but historically it was a time to remember and honor the dead. What better way to remember and honor the dead than to learn about them through genealogy? Thousands are bewitched by genealogical research and studies have shown that just the act of pondering our ancestors and origins can enhance intellectual performance.

But readers beware: efforts to discover ancestors may uncover a spooky story or two.

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## HALLOWEEN

The one day a year when tombstones are appropriate front yard decor...or at least that is what the city inspector tells me.



# Genealogy and Thanksgiving: Connecting the Past With the Present

[Who are You Made Of](#)

It might seem like an odd combination at first glance, but genealogy and Thanksgiving are deeply intertwined – whether we would like them to be or not. In this post, I want to explore the complicated relationship between our family histories, our country’s history, and how it all plays out on our kitchen table once every year.

Apart from being a huge fan of genetic genealogy, I also love history... and food. Needless to say, Thanksgiving is my favorite holiday.

The type of food that you and your family serve, how and where you serve it, and whether you celebrate Thanksgiving at all all depends on your individual genealogy – that is, your family’s specific history. And sometimes, what you don’t eat on Thanksgiving can have meaning.

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## Are You a Mayflower Descendant? You Can Find Out

[Ancestry Bird Dog](#)

According to The General Society of Mayflower Descendants, there may be as many as 35 million living descendants of the *Mayflower* worldwide. That includes 10 million living descendants in the United States or roughly 3 percent of the U.S. population.

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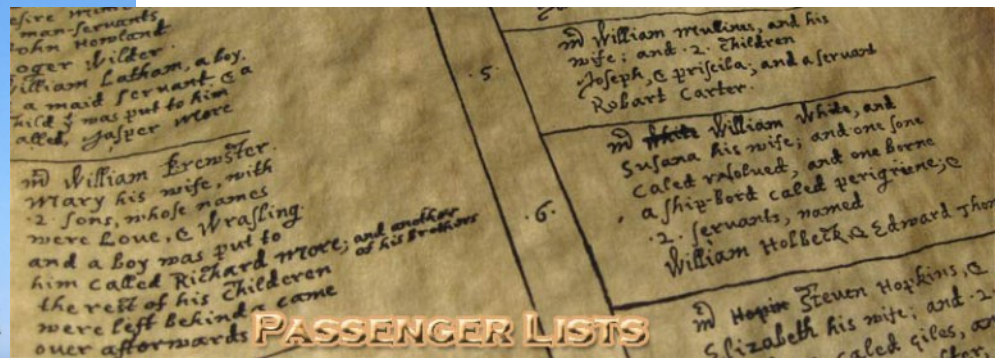
## An Extensive Website of Mayflower Information and Genealogical Information

Welcome to [MayflowerHistory.com](http://MayflowerHistory.com), the Internet's most complete and accurate website dealing with the *Mayflower* passengers and the history of the Pilgrims and early Plymouth Colony. This website was first created back in 1994 as a simple, but complete, passenger list of the *Mayflower*. It has grown over the past twenty-six years as the author, historian Caleb Johnson, has researched and compiled material.

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## Holidays for Fourth Quarter 2021

[Holidayinsights.com](http://Holidayinsights.com)

**November 1:** [All Saint's Day](#) (Christian)

**November 1-2:** [Dio De los Muertos](#) "The Day of the Dead" (Mexico, China)

**November 2:** [All Souls Day](#) (Christian)

**November 5:** [Guy Fawkes Day / Gunpowder Day](#) (England)

**November 25:** [Thanksgiving](#) (United States)

**November 28—December 5:** [Hanukkah/Chanukah](#) (Jewish)

**November 28—December 24:** [Advent](#) (Christian Worldwide)

**December 12:** [Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe](#) (Christian)

**December 14:** [Asarah B'Tevet](#) (Jewish)

**December 21:** [First Day of Winter](#) (North America)

**December 21:** [Winter Solstice](#) (United Kingdom)

**December 22:** [Summer Solstice](#) (Australia)

**December 23:** [Roots Day](#) (Genealogy)

**December 23:** [Festivus Day](#) (Nondenominational)

**December 24:** [Christmas Eve](#) (Christian/Secular—Worldwide)

**December 25:** [Christmas](#) (Christian/Secular—Worldwide)

**December 26-January 1:** [Kwanza](#)

**December 26:** [Boxing Day](#) (Australia, Canada, UK)

**December 26:** [Proclamation Day](#) (South Australia)

**December 31:** [Ōmisoka](#) (Japan)

**December 31:** —[New Year's Eve](#) (Worldwide)

**January 1:** [New Year's Day](#) (Worldwide)

## How Do You Honor Ancestors? 12 Family History Celebrations

Kimberly, [Genealogy Pals](#)

The holidays are all about fun, food, tradition, and family – with family being the most important part. But so that we don't have to limit celebrating our families during the holidays, let's expand our horizons. That way, no matter what time of the year it is, we can answer the question: how can we honor our ancestors?

Honoring ancestors can be as simple as remembering them or learning about them, although it can also involve observing cultural holidays. These cultural holidays honor ancestors by setting aside time to learn about, remember, and connect to the family who came before.

[Click here to learn about 12 cultural and family history celebrations that happen worldwide](#) – and that we can learn from in order to honor our own ancestors and families.

## December Holidays Around the World

[WorldStrides.com](http://WorldStrides.com)

Few months present as many multicultural celebrations as December. From Christmas to Omisoka, the last month of the year is a "world of holidays." Let's take a look at some of December's holidays around the world.

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## Genealogy Word Search

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## Family Recipes

### Cherry Torte

#### Ingredients

##### Crust

- 1 1/2 C graham cracker crumbs
- 3/4 stick melted butter
- 3 heaping TB powdered sugar

##### Layer 1

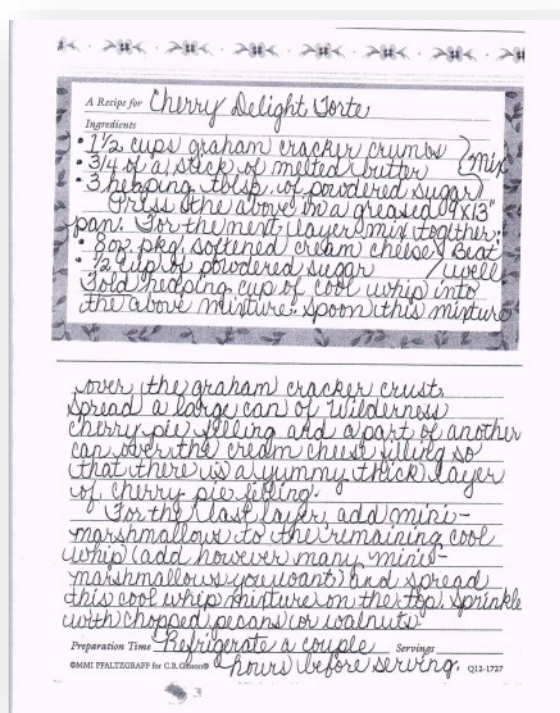
- 8 oz softened cream cheese
- 1/2 C powdered sugar
- 1 heaping C Cool Whip

##### Layer 2

- 1 1/4 can Wilderness cherry pie filling

##### Layer 3

- Mini-marshmallows
- Rest of Cool Whip
- Chopped pecans or walnuts



#### Instructions

1. Mix the crust ingredients together.
2. Press in a greased 9"x13" pan.
3. Beat cream cheese and powdered sugar well.
4. Fold the Cool Whip into the mixture.
5. Spoon over the crust.
6. Spoon cherry pie filling over the first layer.
7. Mix marshmallows and Cool Whip on top of second layer.
8. Sprinkle nuts on top.
9. Refrigerate 2 hours before serving.

Mike Fekete, Board Member

### Baked Roast Turkey

#### Ingredients

- 1 fresh turkey
- Salt
- Pepper
- 1 stick butter
- Chicken or turkey stock

#### Instructions

1. Preheat oven to 325 F (160 C).
2. Wash out the turkey with water.
3. Pull any remaining feather stubs in the turkey skin.
4. Pat the turkey dry with paper towels.
5. Turkey neck and giblets are to be reserved for gravy.
6. Rub turkey thoroughly with salt and pepper and place in a rack in a large shallow pan, breast side up.
7. Melt the butter and chicken or turkey stock.
8. Brush the turkey with the stock and butter mixture.
9. Loosely cover with aluminum foil to prevent over browning.
10. Put the turkey in the oven (check turkey instructions for cooking time).
11. After the first hour, baste the turkey with the juice, butter, and stock mixture at the bottom of the roasting pan.
12. About 15 minutes before the turkey is done, remove the foil and turn the oven to 450 F (230 C).
13. Turkey is done when drumsticks are easy to move up and down.
14. Once you remove the turkey from the oven, let it cool for 15-20 minutes.
15. Carve the turkey and serve with the gravy. (No instructions given for the gravy.)



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