

FOR THE RECORDS

Friend or Foe?

Online Family Trees

Imagine, if you will, a fantastical science fiction story. One spanning thousands of years and featuring Norse gods, Greek heroes, figures from the Hebrew Bible and notable historical figures. Imagine also that it would include great feats of technology: instantaneous relocation to the other side of the world, time travel, and the birth of children decades after their parent's deaths. Would you read it? If somehow Hollywood were crazy enough to make it into a movie, would you see it? Most likely the answer would be no. Yet thousands of people compile such nonsense into their online trees and call it research.

This is not to say every online tree is defective. Many genealogists engage in sound research practices by citing sources and presenting genealogical proof. But blindly copying online trees can still be a mistake. Each piece of evidence requires evaluation on its own terms before using the information.

The case of Mary Marjery Madge Diver

Consider the strange case of Edward Sweeney, husband of Mary Marjery Madge Diver. According to the online tree in Figure 1¹, the couple married in Ireland and had two children there, Ann and Joseph. Sometime between 1847 and 1850, the family immigrated to the United States, settling in Mifflin County, Pennsylvania, where the couple had a daughter, Katherine. Sometime between 1850 and 1852 the family relocated to Chicago, Illinois, where their youngest child, Edward Paul was born. Unfortunately, according to the tree Edward Sweeney died in 1851,

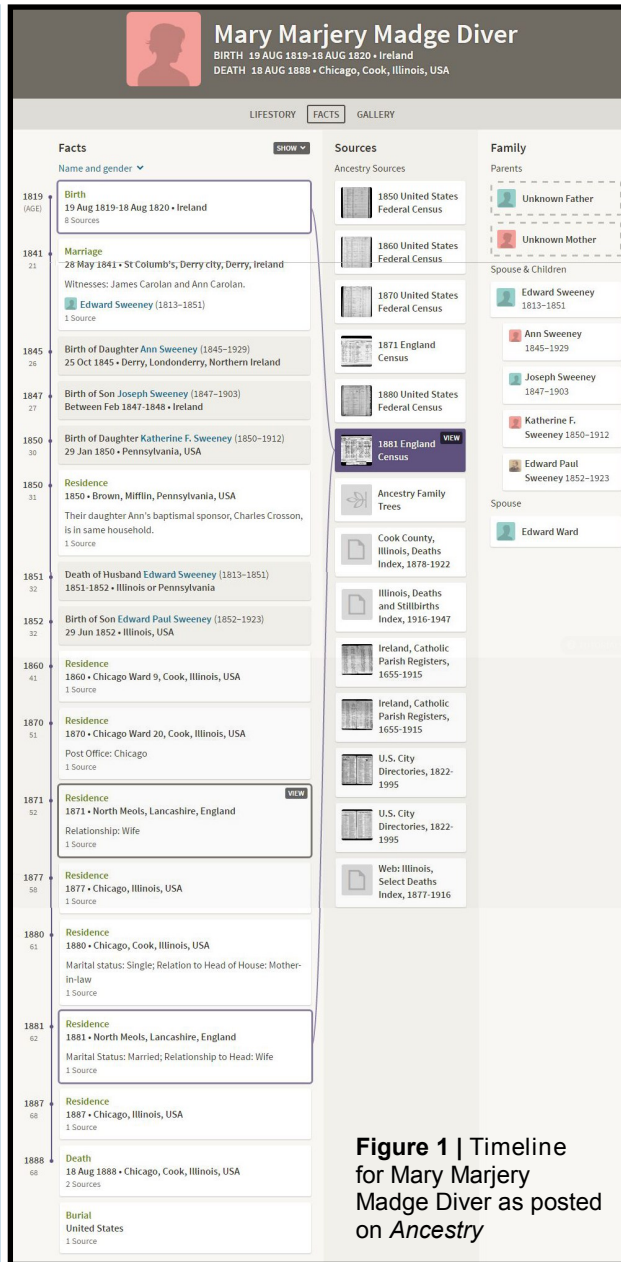


Figure 1 | Timeline for Mary Marjery Madge Diver as posted on Ancestry

after the conception but before the birth of his youngest child.

The tree indicates that the family continued living in Chicago through 1870². **CONTINUED ON PAGE 3.**

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Nevertheless, it shows Mary, along with her deceased husband and some additional children, living in Lancashire, England in 1871³. This pattern persists with the 1880 U.S. census⁴ and the 1881 British census⁵. Even if we accept the absurdity of trans-Atlantic migration, the multiple resurrections and demises of the husband ought to give us pause.

Something is clearly amiss. Most likely two Edward Sweeneys (or possibly more) were born in Ireland at

about the same time. It really is not much of a stretch to envision the possibility that more than one of them married a woman named Mary.

Unfortunately, this sort of logical error appears often in online trees. Children cannot be older than their parents. A mother must be living at the time of the child's birth. Both mother and child must be in the same place at the time of the birth⁶, and both parents must be living at the time of conception. Although it is possible for a child to be born after its father's death, anything more than nine months is suspicious.⁷ If you find either of these things in an online tree, something is clearly amiss.

What might cause this type of common-sense conflict? It probably is not evil intent or deliberate error. In many cases, the conflict may be a simple transcription error. It can be very easy to make mistakes when you are copying information from one document to another. But the conflict could also be faulty research or bad analysis. Multiple people conflated into one individual might cause this or a single person misidentified as two or more people.

Some evidentiary conflicts are due to error repetition. With the ease of copying digital information from one tree to another, an error might be copied into dozens or even hundreds of trees. Because all of these trees are copies of one another, all of the trees are one source. Do not mistake trees in multiple places as separate sources.

Unlikely geography

Sometimes the geography of an online tree simply does not make sense. Consider, for example the case of Eleanor Florence Cupp in Figure 2⁸ (page 3). The problem begins with Eleanor's birth, stated to have taken place on 30 Nov. 1796 in Concordia, Cloud County, Kansas, USA.

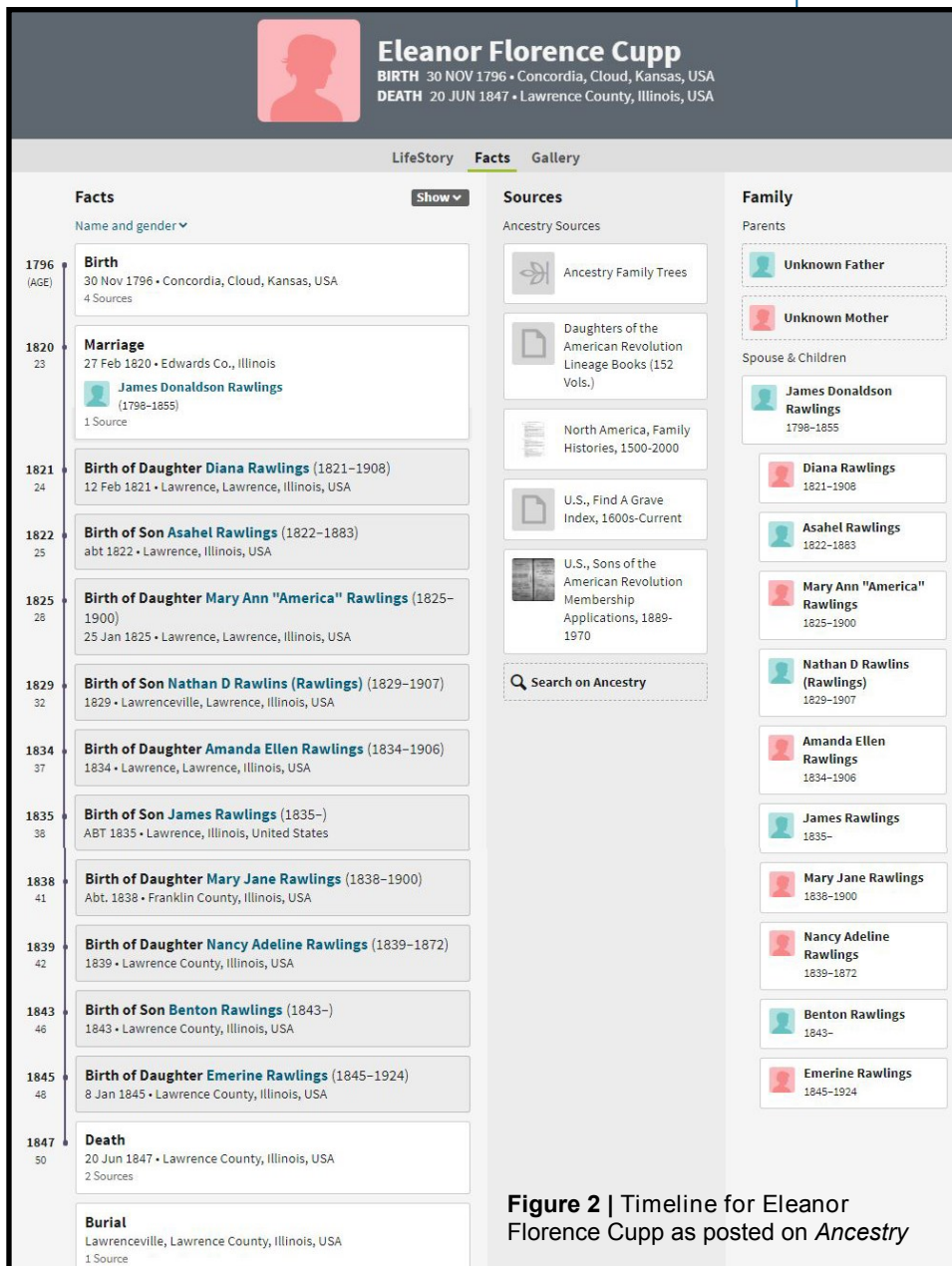


Figure 2 | Timeline for Eleanor Florence Cupp as posted on Ancestry

The problem: In 1798, the area that would become Cloud County was part of Spanish Louisiana. The territory did not become part of the United States until the Louisiana Purchase in 1804. Congress did not create Kansas Territory until 1854 and statehood did not come until 1861. The Kansas Legislature did not create Cloud County until 1867. Concordia did not exist as a city until 1871.

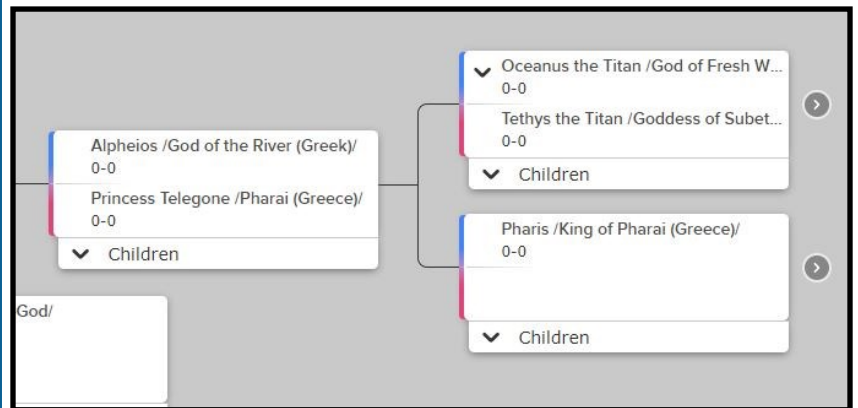
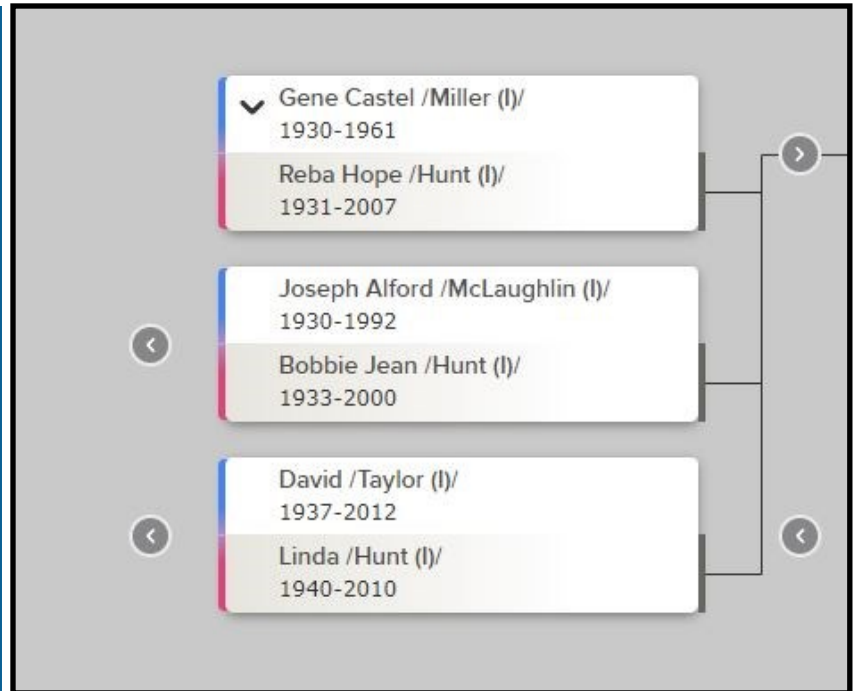
Does the tree’s author contend Eleanor’s parents were living in the area during the Spanish period and used contemporary names for places? While theoretically possible, it is extremely unlikely. In what capacity would they have been there? Native Americans were the only known inhabitants at the time.

Eleanor’s 1820 marriage to James Donaldson Rawlings in Edwards County, Illinois is also problematic. Edwards County is approximately 580 miles from Concordia, Kansas. Traveling at 20 miles day (quite a distance when horses provided the fastest rate of travel) it would take almost 30 days to cover the distance. Why did she go there? How did they meet and decide to get married?

The erroneous birth information is likely blocking further research on the family. The tree’s author does not include the names of Eleanor’s parents. Were potential candidates for her parents ruled out because they were not in Kansas but rather in Illinois or somewhere to the east? We have no way of knowing. The problem comes when you copy the error to your own work and thereby create your own brick wall.

Greek gods, Norse gods, and figures from the Hebrew Bible

The internet is full of fantastic tales of descent from legendary and mythological people. Often the trees begin in a harmless enough way with perfectly ordinary 20th century Americans. Consider the portion of the pedigree chart in Figure 3⁹. It appears to be a typical American family. Moving back through the pedigree, however, you will eventually encounter the portion of the chart in Figure 4¹⁰.



Leaving aside the issue of whether or not the Greek gods actually existed, there are no records. Pedigrees that attempt to make such connections are based on wishful thinking, questionable stories, and vague traditions. Stories of people conducting séances to learn their family histories from dead relatives are not unheard of. Those who engage in this type of “research” place this information in their family trees. They mean no harm. They even derive great personal satisfaction and happiness from their conclusions. Nevertheless, they are doing a disservice to other researchers.

Figures 3 & 4 | This pedigree chart posted on FamilySearch leads to improbable conclusions.

Genealogy is a record-based study of one’s ancestry.

Writing in *Ensign*, Robert C. Gunderson, the first supervisor of the Royal Identity Unit of the Utah Genealogical Society, when asked about extending an ancestral line back to Adam, explained, “It is not even possible to verify historically a connected European pedigree earlier than the time of the Merovingian Kings (c. A.D. 450–A.D. 752)”¹¹. For most families, the records will end much more recently than for European royalty.

Trees without sources

Trees that do not include sources must be treated as suspect. This does not mean the data is necessarily incorrect, simply that there is no way to evaluate it.

Even if there are no sources, the claims made in a tree can provide clues for further research. Most likely, the author did not make up the whole thing. The tree might be based on actual documents, but the author did not know how to attach them to the online tree. It might also rely on oral traditions passed down through the family. Verify the source by contacting the author, who might also be your distant cousin. Amazing things can happen when distant relatives begin sharing information and documents. Nevertheless, before adding data to your own tree, you would be wise to find their sources and evaluate them yourself.

If the tree does include sources, you should look at the actual documents yourself. Aside from the fact that having a copy of your great-great grandmother’s marriage record is pretty cool, you will need to analyze the document. Does it in fact relate to your great-great grandmother, or could it be an individual with the same name? This can be true even if the name is relatively rare. Also, consider other factors. Does it make sense based on what you know? For example, people do not marry at the age of three. Women generally do not give birth at the age of 80.

If the document seems valid, you will need to consider the type of information it provides. Is it primary or secondary? Is the source an original record or a derivative source? Does it provide direct, indirect,

or negative evidence? Who recorded it, when, where, why? All of this will determine whether you should include the data in your own tree.

The Genealogical Proof Standard

Before adding anyone else’s work to your own, consider the Genealogical Proof Standard (GPS). To prevent genealogical conclusions from becoming erroneous, the Board for Certification of Genealogists developed a standard to help researchers develop logical reasoning and good results. They state:

To reach a sound conclusion, you need to meet all five components of the GPS:

1. Reasonably exhaustive research
2. Complete and accurate source citations
3. Thorough analysis and correlation
4. Resolution of conflicting evidence
5. Soundly written conclusions¹³

What does all of this mean?

- *Reasonably exhaustive research* means you have done a thorough job of researching and you are confident that you have not missed anything.
- *Complete and accurate source citations* allow you to find documents if you need to check them again. It also allows others to validate your work.
- *Thorough analysis and correlation* means you have considered and understand all of the documents together and are able to draw logical conclusions.
- *Resolution of conflicting evidence* shows that you can logically explain any and all discrepancies between the documents. If you have been thorough, you will almost certainly have some conflicting evidence.
- *Soundly written conclusions* preserve your reasoning and logic. If new information becomes known, you will be able to check your reasoning against it.

Conclusions

Are there any benefits to online trees? Of course there are. They can be a great way for cousins to meet and collaborate. They can also provide clues for research. Nevertheless, when looking at online trees, it is important to consider the quality of the research that the author has done. If you want to use the information from online trees to add individuals to your own tree, you should understand that you need to prove two things: that the person you are adding exists, and that the relationship you are asserting is true. Without both of these facts, the tree will devolve quickly into nonsense. Apply common sense, thorough analysis, and back it up by following the Genealogical Proof Standard. This approach will lead to good results.

Notes

1. Ancestry.com: *Mary Marjery Madge Diver*, online family tree (www.ancestry.com accessed 25 January 2017).
2. Illinois, Cook County. 1870 U.S. Census, Cook County, Illinois, Population Schedule. Chicago, p.278A. Dwelling 1696, Family 2032, Ward and Sweeney; NARA microfilm publication M593, roll 211.
3. 1871 Census of England, North Meois, Lancashire, Folio 83 Lines 3-9, Edward and Mary Sweeney and Family.
4. Illinois, Cook County. 1870 U.S. Census, Cook County, Illinois, Population Schedule. Chicago, p.462B. Dwelling 96, Family 99, Dinan, Brookins and Ward; NARA microfilm publication T9, roll 199.
5. 1871 Census of England, North Meols, Lancashire, Folio 109 Lines 18-21, Edward and Mary Sweeney and Family.
6. It might be possible in 2018 and thereafter, using a frozen embryo or some other miracle of modern medicine, for a biological mother to be deceased or be alive and living in an entirely different geographical area than her child, but for most of human history and certainly for the time anyone is researching their ancestors it was not.
7. As with the above note, the twenty-first century may make this possible now, and potentially a problem for researchers in the future, but for the time-period anyone is currently researching it is not an issue.
8. Ancestry.com: *Eleanor Florence Cupp*, online family tree (www.ancestry.com accessed 8 August 2018).
9. FamilySearch: *Ancestors of Reba Hope Hunt, Bobbie Jean Hunt, and Linda Hunt*, (familysearch.org accessed 7 August 2018).
10. Ibid.
11. Ensign: *I've heard that some people have extended their ancestral lines back to Adam. Is this possible? If so, is it necessary for all of us to extend our pedigrees back to Adam?* February 1984. (<https://www.lds.org/ensign/1984/02/i-have-a-question/ive-heard-that-some-people-have-extended-their-ancestral-lines-back-to-adam-is-this-possible?lang=eng>: accessed 8 December 2017).
12. *Pastports*, "An Approach to Evaluating Family Histories and Family Trees," January 2015 (https://www.slcl.org/sites/default/files/01_2015.pdf: accessed 15 February 2018).
13. Board for Certification of Genealogists: Genealogical Proof Standard. (<https://bcgcertification.org/ethics/ethics-standards/> accessed 15 February 2018).
14. Lilienkamp, Daniel R. "Everything You Know is Wrong." Germans in St. Louis, November 2017, St. Louis Missouri (<https://www.slcl.org/sites/default/files/Everything%20You%20Know%20is%20Wrong.pdf> pp2-4: accessed 15 February 2018).

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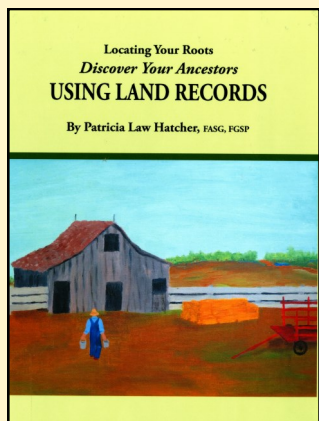
Twenty-six organizations participated in the Local History Fair, sponsored by the History & Genealogy Department at St. Louis County Library Headquarters on Sept. 20. Representatives of historical societies and research repositories were available to meet the public, hand out literature, promote their organizations' activities, and answer questions. Participating organizations included Affton Historical Society; the Association of African Ancestored Researchers in St. Louis; Carondelet Historical Society; Center for French Colonial Studies; Concordia Historical Institute; Fenton historical Society; Field House Museum; Historic Sapping-

ton House; Historical Society of University City; Tuskegee Airman, Hugh J. White Chapter, St. Louis; Jennings Historical Society; Missouri Germans Consortium; Missouri Historical Museum Library and Research Center; Missouri Pacific Historical Society; Missouri State Archives; National Railway Historical Society, St. Louis Chapter; Old Jamestown Association; St. Louis City Recorder of Deeds; St. Louis Genealogical Society; St. Louis Public Library; Sappington-Concord Historical Society; Sutter-Meyer House, University City; and the State Historical Society of Missouri, St. Louis Research Center.

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SAMPLINGS FROM THE PRINT COLLECTION

Book | Locating Your Roots

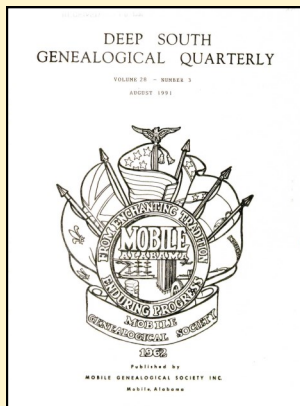


The mere words “land records” are enough to rattle the nerves of genealogists who have been researching for years. Quitclaims, escheatment, dower thirds, township and range—it can be a lot to take in and learn. Yet it so happens that placing your

ancestors on a specific tract of land and examining the corresponding records may be one of the surest bets for breaking brick walls, if only researchers could bring themselves to take the leap. Patricia Law Hatcher, a professional genealogist, aims to end our collective hesitance with her book, *Locating Your Roots: Discover Your Ancestors Using Land Records* (R 929.1 H361L).

Hatcher illustrates her explanations with real examples, so readers can see transcriptions and images of various documents. She offers tips about how to use and locate different types of land records as well as what to look for when trying to prove family relationships. In a chapter on the metes-and-bounds system used primarily in eastern states, Hatcher walks readers through the process of platting land and provides a form for researchers to copy and reuse to keep track of their own land descriptions. Appendices include a glossary for quick definitions, lists of general resources, and lists of location-based resources. An index of keywords and place names can help researchers jump right to the pages most relevant to their questions.

Periodical | Deep South Genealogical Quarterly



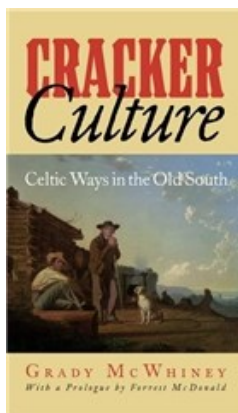
Often the publications of local or regional genealogical societies can bring insights to local records, places, and events that are unknown to outsiders. Consequently, it is a good idea to become familiar with publications from societies in the places your ancestors lived.

Consider the *Deep South Genealogical Quarterly* (R 976.1 D311). Published four times a year by the Mobile Genealogical Society, it provides transcripts of local records that might be otherwise difficult to find. Typically issues include records from various southern Alabama churches, extracts from newspapers, and other genealogical materials.

An item that many researchers might overlook are cemetery records. Certainly Findagrave.com and Billiongraves.com are fine websites, but they do not have all the burial records. Time, weather, and other factors often take their toll on cemeteries. A transcript made by local genealogists who walked a cemetery ten, 20, or even more years ago might have information that is no longer available.

History & Genealogy owns volumes 6 through 28 (1968–1991) of the *Deep South Genealogical Quarterly*. Copies from other issues are available through interlibrary loan.

NEW BOOK HIGHLIGHTS

**GRADY MCWHINEY**

Cracker Culture: Celtic Ways in the Old South
University of Alabama, 1988.

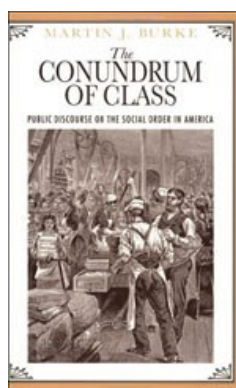
R 975 M177C

Cracker Culture is a provocative study of social life in the Old South that probes the origin of cultural differences between the South and the North throughout American history. Among

Scotch-Irish settlers the term “Cracker” initially designated a person who boasted, but in American usage the word has come to designate poor whites. McWhiney uses the term to define culture rather than to signify an economic condition. Although all poor whites were Crackers, not all Crackers were poor whites; both, however, were Southerners.

The author insists that Southerners and Northerners were never alike. American colonists who settled south and west of Pennsylvania during the 17th and 18th centuries were mainly from the “Celtic fringe” of the British Isles. The culture that these people retained in the New World accounts in considerable measure for the difference between them and the Yankees of New England, most of whom originated in the lowlands of the southeastern half of the island of Britain. From their solid base in the southern backcountry, Celts and their “Cracker” descendants swept westward throughout the antebellum period until they had established themselves and their practices across the Old South. Basic among those practices that determined their traditional folkways, values, norms, and attitudes was the herding of livestock on the open range, in contrast to the mixed agriculture that was the norm both in southeastern Britain and in New England. The Celts brought to the Old South leisurely ways that fostered idleness and gaiety. Like their Celtic ancestors, Southerners were characteristically violent; they scorned pacifism; they considered fights and duels honorable and consistently ignored laws designed to control their actions. In addition, family and kinship were much more im-

portant in Celtic Britain and the antebellum South than in England and the Northern United States. Fundamental differences between Southerners and Northerners shaped the course of antebellum American history; their conflict in the 1860s was not so much brother against brother as culture against culture.

—*Publisher***MARTIN J. BURKE**

The Conundrum of Class: Public Discourse on the Social Order in America
University of Chicago, 1995

R 306.44 B959C

Martin Burke traces the surprisingly complicated history of the idea of class in America from the forming of a new nation to the heart of the Gilded Age.

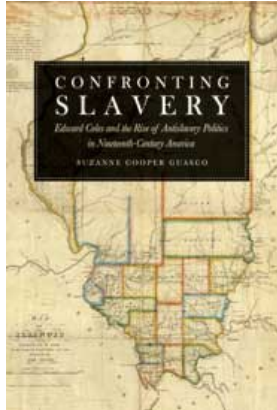
Surveying American political, social, and intellectual life from the late 17th to the end of the 19th century, Burke examines in detail the contested discourse about equality—the way Americans thought and wrote about class, class relations, and their meaning in society. Burke explores a remarkable range of thought to establish the boundaries of class and the language used to describe it in the works of leading political figures, social reformers, and moral philosophers. He traces a shift from class as a legal category of ranks and orders to socio-economic divisions based on

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occupations and income. Throughout the century, he finds no permanent consensus about the meaning of class in America and instead describes a culture of conflicting ideas and opinions.—*Publisher*



SUZANNE COOPER GUASCO
**Confronting Slavery:
 Edward Coles and the Rise of
 Antislavery Politics in
 Nineteenth-Century America**
 Northern Illinois University, 2013
 R 977.3 G917C

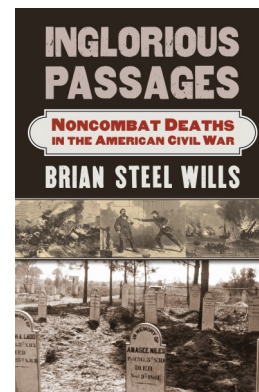
Edward Coles, who lived from 1786-1868, is most often remembered for his antislavery correspondence with

Thomas Jefferson in 1814, freeing his slaves in 1819, and leading the campaign against the legalization of slavery in Illinois during the 1823-24 convention contest.

In this new full-length biography Suzanne Cooper Guasco demonstrates for the first time how Edward Coles continued to

confront slavery for nearly 40 years after his time in Illinois. Not only did he attempt to shape the slavery debates in Virginia immediately before and after Nat Turner’s rebellion, he also consistently entered national political discussions about slavery throughout the 1830s, 40s, and 50s. On each occasion, Coles promoted a vision of the nation that combined a celebration of America’s antislavery past with an endorsement of free labor ideology and colonization, a broad appeal that was designed to mollify his fellow-countrymen’s sense of economic self-interest and virulent anti-black prejudice. As Cooper Guasco persuasively shows, Coles’ antislavery nationalism, first crafted in Illinois in the 1820s, became the foundation of the Republican Party platform and ultimately contributed to the destruction of slavery.

By exploring his entire life, readers come to see Edward Coles as a vital link between the unfulfilled antislavery sensibility of men like Thomas Jefferson and the pragmatic antislavery politics of Abraham Lincoln. In Edward Coles’ life-long confrontation with slavery, as well, we witness the rise of antislavery politics in nineteenth-century America and come to understand the central role politics played in the fight against slavery.—*Publisher*



BRIAN STEEL WILLS
**Inglorious Passages:
 Noncombat Deaths in the
 American Civil War**
 University of Kansas, 2017
 R 973.71 W741I

Of the hundreds of thousands of soldiers who died in the Civil War, two-thirds, by some estimates, were felled by disease; untold others were lost to accidents, murder, suicide, sunstroke, and drowning. Meanwhile thousands of civilians in both the North and South perished—in factories, while caught up in battles near their homes, and in other circumstances associated with wartime production and supply. These “inglorious passages,” no less than the deaths of soldiers in combat, devastated the armies in the field and families and communities at home. *Inglorious Passages* for the first time gives these noncombat deaths due consideration.

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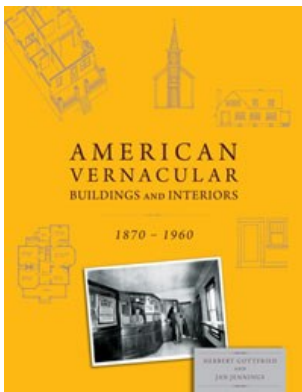
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In letters, diaries, obituaries, and other accounts, eminent Civil War historian Brian Steel Wills finds the powerful and poignant stories of fatal accidents and encounters and collateral civilian deaths that occurred in the factories and fields of the Union and the Confederacy from 1861 to 1865. Wills retrieves these stories from obscurity and the cold calculations of statistics to reveal the grave toll these losses exacted on soldiers and civilians, families and society. In its intimate details and its broad scope, his book demonstrates that for those who served and those who supported them, noncombat fatalities were as significant as battle deaths in impressing the full force of the American Civil War on the people called upon to live through it. With the publication of *Inglorious Passages*, those who paid the supreme sacrifice, regardless of situation or circumstance, will at last be included in the final tabulation of the nation's bloodiest conflict.—*Publisher*



HERBERT GOTTFRIED
**American Vernacular
 Buildings and Interiors,
 1870-1960**
W.W. Norton, 2009
R 720.973 G685A

With more than 600 illustrations, this book interprets vernacular architecture as it emerged with the industrialization of building materials.

It provides an overview of building and plan types for houses, commercial buildings, and churches, explaining the development of key design elements and how they have been incorporated into American architecture.—*Publisher*

Briefly noted

St. Louis area

The History of Wildwood. R 977.865 H673

Street Front Heritage: The Bremen / Hyde Park Area of St. Louis. R 977.866 M175S

American history

Clashing over Commerce: A History of U.S. Trade Policy.
 R 382 I72C

The Election of 1860: "Campaign Fraught with Consequences." R 973.7 H758E

Faces of Revolution: Personalities and Themes in the Struggle for American Independence. R 973.3092 B161F

Jefferson and Hamilton: The Struggle for Democracy in America. R 973.46 B786J

The Scratch of a Pen: 1763 and the Transformation of North America. R 973.26 C163S

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American Congregations, Vol. 2, New Perspectives in the Study of Congregations. R 291.65 A512

Avenues of Faith: Shaping the Urban Religious Culture of Richmond, Virginia, 1900–1929. R 975.5451

Danish but not Lutheran: The Impact of Mormonism on Danish Cultural Identity, 1850–1920. R 289.3489 A427D

Southern Crucifix, Southern Cross: Catholic-Protestant Relations in the Old South. R 277.5 S839S

Ye That Are Men Now Serve Him: Radical Holiness Theology and Gender in the South. R 975 C462Y

Histories of congregations (abbreviated titles unless italicized)

The History of the Mite Society of St. Matthew's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Chester Springs, Pennsylvania.
 R 974.813 W891H

Immanuels United Church of Christ, Holstein, Mo, 1839–1989. 977.8386 I33

St. Lukas Slovak Evangelical Lutheran Church, St. Louis, Mo. Includes information about Slovak Lutherans in Missouri, Illinois, Arkansas and Texas. R 977.866 K81S

St. Aloysius Catholic Church, Spanish Lake, Mo., 1955.
 R 977.865 S133C

St. Matthew's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Upper Uwchlan, Pa. R 974.813 S146

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran (United Church of Christ), Chicago, IL, 1843–1938. R 977.311 S149S

St. Paul United Church of Christ, Fort Thomas, Ky., 1862–1962. R 976.934 S149S

Trinity Lutheran Church, Cape Girardeau, Mo., 1854–1904.
 R 977.896 T833F

Trinity Lutheran Church, Cape Girardeau, Mo., 1904–1954 R 977.896 T833F

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, Glen Rock, Pa.
R 974.841 G543Z

Quaker

Hinshaw & Hubbard Oklahoma Quaker Records.
R 976.6 H665

Honey Creek Monthly Meeting of Friends, Vigo County, Indiana, 1820. R 977.245 H473H

The William Wade Hinshaw Index to Iowa Quaker Meeting Records. R 977.7 W716

The William Wade Hinshaw Index to Kansas Quaker Meeting Records. R 978.1 W716

The William Wade Hinshaw Index to New Jersey Quaker Meeting Records. R 974.9 W716

The William Wade Hinshaw Index to Pennsylvania Quaker Meeting Records. R 974.8 W716

German

Church records (abbreviated titles)

Outside marriages and banns before 1636, Leisnig, Saxony.
R 943.21 B542A

Register of the Henfstedt, Thuringia congregation, 1605–1739. R 943.226 S826R

Parish census of Altenbergen, including Catterfeld, Engelsbach, and Finsterbergen, Thuringia, 1646.
R 943.224 K58S

Index to death records, City of Döbeln, 1548–1585, 1625–1661. R 943.21 G557R

Erfurt, Thuringia

Index to death records, Protestant Church of St. Andreas, 1697–1804. R 943.2248 R363

Index to death records, Protestant Congregation of the Augustinian Canons Regular, 1724–1805. R 943.2248 B344R

Index to baptismal records, Protestant Congregation of the Franciscan Church, 1684–1803. R 943.24 R556R

Index to baptismal records, Protestant St. Michael's Congregation, 1684–1833. R 943.2248 B344R

Index to marriage records, Protestant Congregation of the Dominican Church, 1800–1874. R 943.2248 R556R

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Who were my Ancestors? Beginning a Genealogical Research Project

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Sept. 10, 10:00 a.m.	Cliff Cave Register
Sept. 18, 2:00 p.m.	Headquarters Register
Sept. 26, 6:30 p.m.	Florissant Valley Register

Library Skills for Genealogical Research

Prerequisite: Who were my Ancestors? or comparable research experience

Libraries offer essential tools for genealogical research. Learn how to search online library catalogs, obtain materials from distant libraries, locate periodical articles, and use the library's in-house finding aids.

Oct. 4, 2:00 p.m.	Headquarters Register
Oct. 15, 2:00 p.m.	Florissant Valley Register

Finding Ancestors in U.S. Census Records

Census records are a basic and essential source for genealogical research in the U.S. Learn how to search census records effectively using Ancestry Library Edition and other electronic databases.

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Learn about all of the wonderful resources available for educators in the History & Genealogy Department. A Q&A session will follow the presentation.

Oct. 18, 6:30 p.m.	Daniel Boone Register
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Classes to Expand Research Skills

Researching Newspaper Databases

Searching electronic newspaper databases for genealogical or historical information is easy and fun. The class will cover *19th-Century U. S. Newspapers*, *NewspaperArchive*, and *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* databases.

Sept. 12, 2:00 p.m.	Headquarters Register
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Finding Immigrant European Ancestors

Prerequisite: Finding Ancestors in U.S. Census Records or comparable research experience

Discover the numerous print and online resources available for researching immigrant ancestors. This class will include an overview of information available on Ancestry Library Edition and other electronic databases.

Sept. 24, 10:00 a.m.	Grant's View Register
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Identifying Ancestral Military Veterans

Prerequisite: Finding Ancestors in U.S. Census Records or comparable research experience

Explore strategies for military research in the Fold3 and Ancestry Library Edition databases, as well as in print and online sources.

Sept. 17, 2:00 p.m.	Florissant Valley Register
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PROGRAMS

Programs are free and open to the public.
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Saturday, Sept. 8, 10:00 a.m. | Headquarters
Cities of the Dead for the Living: The Rural Cemetery Movement

St. Louis Genealogical Society General Membership Meeting

Explore the origins and history of the rural cemetery movement in the 19th century and the ways these burial sites were intended to be used by the living, as well as the cultural values they conveyed. Speaker: Jeff Smith

Sept. 18, 7:00 p.m. | Headquarters
Finding Clues and Information for Your Ancestors in Unusual Places

StLGS German Special Interest Group Meeting

Have you used any and every possible record in your search for more information about your ancestors? Find out about new or different types of sources that might give you clues or answers and keep you from adopting the wrong ancestor. Speaker: Carolyn Schaeffer

Friday, Sept. 21, 10:00 a.m. | Cliff Cave
St. Louis Orphanages

Many people had ancestors who grew up in orphanage care. The speaker will focus on St. Louis orphanage care from 1828 to the present. Speaker: Viki Fagyal

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Saturday, Oct. 18, 10:00 a.m. | Headquarters
Finding Your Ancestors at the Missouri History Museum Library and Research Center

St. Louis Genealogical Society General Membership Meeting

The Missouri History Museum Library and Research Center holds a wealth of resources that tell the stories of our St. Louis –area ancestors. Join Missouri History Museum associate archivist Dennis Northcott for an entertaining and informative look at the genealogical treasures stored at the Library and Research Center. Speaker: Dennis Northcott

Friday, Oct. 19, 10:00 a.m. | Cliff Cave
Urban Research Strategies Using City Directories

Learn strategies for locating church records, “missing” census records, small business advertisements, and more with city directories. Speaker: Jennifer Rigsby

Oct. 23, 7:00 p.m. | Headquarters
Griffith's Valuation

StLGS Irish Special Interest Group Meeting

Griffith's valuation is a census substitute for landowners and leaseholders during and after the famine. Learning to use this important resource is essential to Irish research. Speaker: Mike Bridwell