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President's Message

It is unbelievable to me that summer will soon be upon us. The year has passed us by was about as welcome as going to the dentist for a root canal. But after having both of my vaccinations on board, I have been starting to venture out and catching up on missed Drs. appointments and picking up volunteer assignments.

I am anxiously waiting the reopening of our Family History Centers. I have a long list of books that are under protected status so they can only be accessed at the History Center. One of my family's lore is that my 2x-grandmother was a cousin of Adlai Ewing Stevenson who was VP in Grover Cleveland's administration. They both came from the same county in Kentucky so it is not unreasonable but I need my 2x-father's name. I was hot on that line but the books I need to access are under protected status so I can only access at the FHC which is still closed. I am dreading the lines at all the FHC's because of pent up demand.

In the meanwhile I challenge you to join in the indexing effort. The indexing software is free and requires no skills on your part to install. <https://www.familysearch.org/indexing/> Through their concerted volunteer effort FamilySearch indexers completely indexed the 1940 census in a mere five months. In 2022 the 1950 census awaits indexing.

L-AGS member, Martha Wensel, wrote about her indexing experiences in: "My 1940 Census Indexing Story," in the Livermore Roots Tracer, August 2012, page 4, www.l-ags.org/tracer/vol_32_3.pdf Consider contributing a small portion of your time to indexing your first record. Indexing at home in your robe and bunny slippers is encouraged. Hopefully, your experience will be enjoyable as well as fascinating and informative.

For the remainder of 2021, Tom Mathews has a very well rounded schedule of topics via Zoom that promise to have something for everyone. I am especially looking forward to June 14 "**Getting ready for the 1950 census**" by Thomas MacEntee, and Monday August 9 Jeffrey Vaillant "Researching Your Civil War Ancestor."

In looking for ideas for this letter, I went to American Ancestors.org to see what they were talking about. I found their blog section. Some of you may already be aware but in case you are not, this link had some interesting articles. One of the articles reminds us to not forget about the maiden aunts. vitabrevis.americanancestors.org

I have been scanning my family's photos of late and asked my sister-in-law if she would like me to scan any of her photos. Since her photos are also my husband's photos, it was kind of a win-win. I was reminded of how much I have learned over the years. She was still storing in "magnetic" pages and sadly, most of them did not have names anywhere. The lesson learned is talk to your relatives about their photos.

Julie Liu

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My Remembrances for Mother's Day

By Louise Walsh Throop

As we celebrate Mother's Day, I am thinking of my 9th great-grandmother, Joanna Riland. What was her life like after her marriage in Boston, Suffolk County, Massachusetts on 13 June 1660 to Clement Salmon/Sammon? She had at least

four children before 1669: Mary, John, Elizabeth and Samuel Salmon. I know her mtDNA, from my testing: H5a1c1a. And where did she come from? Her mtDNA points to somewhere in Europe. One clue is that her husband was fined on 25 March 1667 by Boston town council for employing Stephen Brace. Did Clement Salmon take his family, if only briefly after the birth of a child in 1668, to another town? Perhaps to get away from the rigid regime then in Boston?

Direct Descendancy Chart RILAND — WALSH
Johanna RILAND b. ca. 1642 m. Boston, Suffolk Co., Massachusetts 13 June 1660 Clement SALMON b. ca 1635
Elizabeth SALMON b. Boston, Suffolk Co., Massachusetts 26 Feb 1665/6 d. Lynn, Essex Co., Massachusetts 22 April 1744 m. Lynn, Essex Co., Massachusetts 3 May 1696 Ephraim STACEY b. Lynn/Salem, Essex Co., Massachusetts ca Aug 1673 d. Lynn, Essex Co., Massachusetts ca 1741
Hannah STACEY b. Marblehead, Essex Co., Massachusetts 7 June 1697 d. Georgetown, Sagadahoc Co., Maine/Massachusetts ca 1767 m. Lynn, Essex Co., Massachusetts 15 Sept 1716 David OLIVER III b. Marblehead, Essex Co., Massachusetts 5 May 1695 d. Georgetown, Sagadahoc Co., Maine/Massachusetts 13 May 1767
Sarah OLIVER b. Falmouth, Cumberland Co., Maine/Massachusetts 19 Dec 1736 d. Maugerville, Sunbury Co., New Brunswick, Canada 1 July 1816 m. Georgetown, Sagadahoc Co., Maine/Massachusetts 8 Dec 1761 Nicholas RIDEOUT b. Falmouth, Cumberland Co., Maine/Massachusetts 17 Feb 1738 d. Maugerville, Sunbury Co., New Brunswick, Canada 1833
Grace RIDEOUT b. Maugerville, Sunbury Co., New Brunswick, Canada ca 1781 m. New Brunswick, Canada ca 1796 Jonathan ADAMS b. Connecticut ca 1766 d. Maugerville, Sunbury Co., New Brunswick, Canada
Sarah ADAMS b. Lincoln? Sunbury Co., New Brunswick, Canada ca 1798 d. Sunbury Co., New Brunswick, Canada 7 Dec 1879 m. Sunbury Co., New Brunswick, Canada 3 Nov 1819 Stephen KINNEY b. Oromocto, Sunbury Co., New Brunswick, Canada ca 1794 d. Oromocto, Sunbury Co., New Brunswick, Canada 17 Jan 1881

Direct Descendancy Chart RILAND — WALSH Continued
Charlotte KINNEY b. Burton, Sunbury Co., New Brunswick, Canada 10 Nov 1829 d. Oromocto, Sunbury Co., New Brunswick, Canada 13 May 1913 m. Burton, Sunbury Co., New Brunswick, Canada 30 June 1849 Anthony Rogers HATCH b. Burton, Sunbury Co., New Brunswick, Canada 8 March 1826 d. Lincoln, Sunbury Co., New Brunswick, Canada 27 June 1894
Josephine Louise HATCH b. Lincoln, Sunbury Co., New Brunswick, Canada 26 Oct 1859 d. Lake Villa, Lake Co., Illinois 14 Dec 1918 m. Lincoln, Sunbury Co., New Brunswick, Canada 14 June 1878 Milledge Thomas GRATZ b. Lincoln, Sunbury Co., New Brunswick, Canada 8 July 1855 d. Libertyville, Lake Co., Illinois 13 Feb 1930
Grace Lulu GRATZ b. Wassis New Brunswick, 22 Aug 1887 d. Chicago, Cook Co., Illinois 17 Aug 1969 m. Weston, DuPage Co., Illinois 6 Dec 1916 Frederick Andrew BERG b. Chicago, Cook Co., Illinois 4 Aug 1889 d. Melrose Park, Cook Co., Illinois 13 March 1983
Ruth Elizabeth BERG b. Chicago, Illinois 19 July 1920 d. Massachusetts 21 Feb 2014 m. Chicago, Illinois 29 Nov 1941 Myles Alexander WALSH II b. Oradell, Bergen Co., New Jersey 21 June 1912 d. Cranbury, Middlesex Co., New Jersey 18 January 1984
Josephine Louise WALSH m. Larry Lynn THROOP b. Lincoln, Lancaster Co., Nebraska 6 July 1932 d. Scottsdale, Maricopa Co., Arizona 17 December 2020

Did they join others who went to Southold, Long Island, New York, if only briefly? They must have returned to Lynn, Essex County, Massachusetts before 3 May 1695 as that is where daughter Elizabeth Salmon married Ephraim Stacy. Descendants moved around, living in Falmouth, Cumberland County Maine; Georgetown, Sagadahoc County Maine; and Maugerville, Sunbury County, New Brunswick—all before 1820. And down to my great-grandmother, Josephine Louise Hatch, after whom I was named, who came from New Brunswick to the area of Chicago (for work in building the Chicago World's Fair) with her husband Thomas Milledge Gratz and had 14 children before dying in Illinois on 14 December

1918 of lobar pneumonia, a complication of the influenza pandemic. What a long line of peripatetic mothers I come from!

Could there be a distant relationship of Joanna Riland to a Mayflower passenger? Could Joanna Riland have been a granddaughter of the Raphael Roelandt, woolcomber, who was betrothed in Leiden, The Netherlands, on 25 April 1603 with witness Francois Cooke?? In turn, Francis Cooke, woolcomber and bachelor from England (and a Mayflower passenger in 1620), was himself betrothed 30 June 1603 in Leiden to Hester Mahieu; witnesses were Phillipp de Veau and Raphael Roelandt.

Annie Macgenn, My Immigrant Ancestor

By Denise Barr

In 1918, Mrs. T.J. Macgenn was the first woman elected to the city council of Empire¹ (Coos Bay), Oregon. Annie May (Campbell) Macgenn is my paternal great-grandmother. She was born April 21, 1868 in Liverpool, Merseyside, England.

One of my Dad's cousins created a family history book of the Macgenn family and nothing in it mentions Annie's political life. When conducting some general internet searches, we found an article about the election of Annie.

Annie came from a large family of nine girls and one boy. They ran a family store in Liverpool. Why they left England is a mystery at this point; most likely for better opportunities as they moved around a lot in England. Annie is quoted as saying when arriving in the USA; she came to "God's Country". Annie, her sister and parents arrived November 21, 1887 in New York via the Cunard liner, Umbria, and then took a train to San Francisco. Her other sisters stayed in England as her brother had already left for Australia. Annie told of seeing Indians from the windows of the train as it crossed the country.

In San Francisco, Annie met and married a young

¹Empire City formally incorporated in 1895, but by the end of the 1890s the city was in decline: the lumber market plunged; mills closed, and in 1906 voters moved the county seat to Coquille. Although little of historic Empire City remains today, the spirit of progress, adventure and opportunity characterized by the once thriving port laid the foundation for the development of southwestern Oregon.

Macgenn Family Lineage

Annie May Campbell b. April 21, 1868 Liverpool, Merseyside, England d. May 1, 1961 San Leandro, Alameda, California m. November 1890 San Francisco, California Thomas James Macgenn b. April 9, 1858 Glasgow, Scotland d. February 9, 1931 San Francisco, California
Elizabeth (Betty) Ellen Macgenn b. November 18, 1903 Empire, Oregon d. June 29, 1954 San Francisco, California m. July 10, 1923 San Francisco, California George Leonard Barr, Sr. b. December 1, 1908 R.M. Blanshard, Manitoba d. March 20, 1959 San Francisco, California
George Leonard Barr, Jr. b. December 8, 1934 San Francisco, California d. October 16, 2003 Pacifica, California m. February 6, 1954 San Francisco, California Diane Lee Martin b. September 10, 1936 Cincinnati, Ohio d. June 15, 2002 Pacifica, California
Denise Lynn Barr

seafarer, Thomas James Macgenn in November 1890. Through the years, he became a Master Captain and often traveled between San Francis-

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Immigrant Ancestors

By Caye Johnson

My paternal grandmother, Louisa Eleanor Meredith, was born 1 June 1864 in Sedgley, Staffordshire, England¹ to Benjamin Meredith and Sarah Bradley. The cottage in which Benjamin Meredith grew up and died was moved from 15 Coopers Bank Road in Gornal Wood² to the Black Country Living Museum³ brick by brick. It is called the 'Tilted Cottage' because it shows the effects of subsidence due to all the underground mining.

After the cottage was disassembled and moved to the Black Country Living Museum, the new owners of the land built a replica of the origi-

¹Sedgley is a town in the north of the Metropolitan Borough of Dudley, in the West Midlands, England. Historically part of Staffordshire, most of Sedgley was absorbed into an expanded County Borough of Dudley in 1966.

²Gornal is a suburban area and electoral ward of the Dudley Metropolitan Borough, in the West Midlands County in England. It encompasses three historic villages: Upper Gornal, Lower Gornal, and Gornal Wood. Gornal was formerly part of Staffordshire, prior to the creation of the West Midlands in 1974. It now falls under the town of Dudley and uses the DY post-code. The three Gornal villages were originally a part of the ancient manor of Sedgley until 1894, when the area became part of Sedgley Urban District. In 1966, along with most of the rest of Sedgley, it was merged into the County Borough of Dudley. Since 1974, it has been part of the larger Metropolitan Borough of Dudley.

³The Black Country Living Museum is an open-air museum of rebuilt historic buildings in Dudley, West Midlands, England. Most buildings were relocated from their original sites to form a base from where demonstrators portray life spanning 300 years of history, with a focus on 1850-1950.

Meredith – Thurston Lineages	
<p>Joseph Meredith b. 2 Apr 1766 Sedgley, Staffordshire, England d. 22 Dec 1841 Sedgley, Staffordshire, England m. 4 Aug 1803, Sedgley, Staffordshire, England Mary (nee Rochel) Crook 3rd wife</p>	<p>John Thurston b. 30 Jan 1773 Dymock, Gloucester, England d. 26 Nov 1838 Newent, Gloucester, England m. 4 May 1795 Dymock, Gloucester, England Mary Cummins b. 5 Aug 1773 Dymock, Gloucester, England d. 16 Dec 1846 Newent, Gloucester, England</p>
<p>Benjamin Meredith b. 4 Aug 1805 Sedgley, Staffordshire, England d. 25 Mar 1884 Sedgley, Staffordshire, England m. 23 Apr 1826 St Mary's, Kingswinford Parish, Staffordshire, England Mary Timmins b. 4 Aug 1805 Sedgley, Staffordshire, England d. 25 Mar 1884 Sedgley, Staffordshire, England</p>	<p>Joseph Thurston b. 21 Aug 1798 Dymock, Gloucester, England d. 20 Sep 1878 Newent, Gloucester, England m. 26 Jun 1832 Newent, Gloucester, England Harriet Sier b. 1810 Newent, Gloucester, England, d. Sep 1888 Newent, Gloucester, England</p>
<p>Benjamin Franklin Meredith b. 18 Sept 1832 Sedgley, Staffordshire, England d. 27 Oct 1906 Cleburne, Johnson, Texas m. 5 Nov 1855 St. Thomas, Dudley, England Sarah Bradley b. 15 July 1838 Gornal, Staffordshire, England d. 12 Jul 1925 Cleburne, Johnson, Texas</p>	<p>William Thurston b. 1836 Newent, Gloucester, England d. 21 Dec 1920 Swanage, Dorset, England m. Mar 1865, Wareham, Dorset, England Frances Amon b. 22 Sep 1840 Swanage, Dorset, England d. Swanage, Dorset, England</p>
<p>Louisa Eleanor Meredith b. 1 Jun 1864 Sedgley, Staffordshire, England d. 5 May 1919 El Centro, Imperial, California m. 2 Jul 1892 Portland, Multnomah, Oregon Charles Walter Collins b. 10 Nov 1857 Greene Co., Alabama d. 15 Nov 1926 San Bernardino, California</p>	<p>William Albert Thurston b. 10 March 1866 Shaftesbury, Dorset, England d. 25 April 1934 El Paso, Texas m. 19 May 1903 Bisbee, Cochise, Arizona Harriet White Stephenson Thurston Kincaid b. 21 May 1882, Big Foot, Frio, Texas</p>
<p>Walter Benjamin Collins b. 28 Apr 1900 Los Angeles, California d. 13 Jan 1990 Brawley, Imperial, California m: 24 Aug 1937 Reno, Washoe, Nevada Violet Ethel Thurston b. 1 Nov 1904 El Paso, Texas d. 4 Apr 1990 Los Altos, Santa Clara, California</p>	
<p>Catherine (Caye) Harriet Collins Johnson author of article, living m. 30 Dec 1969, San Jose, California Richard Damerau Johnson b. 28 Oct 1934, Zanesville, Muskingum, Ohio d. 26 Nov 2020, Pleasanton, Alameda, California</p>	



Grave marker Charles Walter Collins, 1857-1926



Grave marker Louisa Eleanor, 1869-1919

nal cottage on the property. A neighbor on Coopers Bank Road told us that Merediths still lived nearby and that is how we found my distant cousin, Alan Meredith⁴. Alan was in his 70s in 2007.

Louisa and her mother Sarah, older sister Mary, and their three brothers William, Albert and James came to the United States in 1870. Her father, Benjamin Franklin Meredith, and his brother, Samuel, had preceded them to work as stone masons in the iron mills near Bethlehem, Lehigh, Pennsylvania in 1869 after the steel industry in Sedgley collapsed.

Later the family moved to Portland, Oregon where she met and married my grandfather, Charles Walter Collins, 3 July 1892. After living in Los Angeles where my father, Walter B. Collins, was born; the family moved to El Centro, Imperial, California in 1906. Louisa died of tuberculosis on 5 May 1919 and is buried next to her husband in the El Centro Evergreen cemetery⁵.

Annie Macgenn, continued from page 5

co and Empire, Oregon. He was quite interesting as he wrote poetry, lyrics, and was also an inventor (a bell buoy). They lived in San Francisco for a time and then moved to Empire around 1903. The Macgenn family grew to one boy and three girls; Robert James Macgenn, b. November 1, 1892, San Francisco, d. July 9, 1958 Fort Steilacoom, Washington; Catherine May Macgenn, b. May 1, 1893 San Francisco,

My maternal grandfather, William Albert Thurston, was born 10 March 1866 to William Thurston and Frances Amon in Shaftesbury, Dorset, England. He always told everyone that he was born in Shaftesbury, Vermont and that the court house had burned down and that is why he didn't have a birth certificate. He married my grandmother, Harriet White Stephenson, on 19 May 1903 in Bisbee, Arizona. He was an accountant for the railroad in El Paso, Texas. The family lived in Guaymas and Mazatlan, Mexico while the railroad built a spur from El Paso to Mazatlan. After he and my grandmother were divorced, he worked in the shipyards in Philadelphia during World War I. Later he was a major-domo for the 4 C's (Cananea Consolidated Copper Company) in Cananea, Sonora, Mexico⁶. He died of cancer 25 April 1934 in El Paso and is buried in the Evergreen cemetery⁷. Note on his Mexican Immigration card that he has shaved 10 years off his age.

⁴Meredith is a Welsh name. Perhaps the miners from Wales went to the Black Country.

⁵Evergreen cemetery also known as Central Valley District Cemetery is El Centro's only cemetery.

⁶Cananea is a city in the Mexican state of Sonora, Northwestern Mexico. It is the seat of the Municipality of Cananea, in the vicinity of the U.S-Mexico border.

⁷The Evergreen Alameda Cemetery opened for business in 1894. Many of El Paso's pioneer families are buried here. This cemetery is now considered full and only has burials for families who have pre-purchased plots.



Identification card of William Albert Thurston

d. December 27, 1961 Seattle, Washington; Isabella Marion Macgenn, b. November 21, 1900, San Francisco, d. February 11, 1984 Concord. The other girl, Elizabeth (Betty) Ellen, is my father's mother, my paternal grandmother.

Annie and the Captain divorced in November 1921. She was given their house in Empire, Oregon and lived there for a while. Annie then went to live with one of her daughters in San Leandro where she died May 1, 1961.

The Grandfather That Almost Didn't Happen

By Julia Ann Gilliland Liu

It all starts with my great-grandfather, William "Bill" Gilliland b. 1851¹. He was born in Tennessee but the family migrated to Missouri and the first evidence of their move to Missouri is found in the Bureau of Land management records when James Gilliland, William's father, purchased 40 acres². The family is also seen in the 1860 census living in that area and James whose occupation is listed as a farmer³.

This land must not have worked out because by 1870, the Gilliland family along with William has settled in Carroll County, Missouri⁴. On 17 Mar. 1874⁵, William married Eliza Wooden b.1857 in Carroll County, Missouri. By 1880, William and Eliza were living as "boarders" with the Wheeler family along with their 2 surviving children Sam (age 3) and Thomas (6 months). Sarah was born Jan 22 1878⁶ and may have died before 1880 because she is not enumerated in the 1880 census.⁷ We have no record of them in the absent 1890 census. But from the approximate age of their children and the state of each child's birth, we can determine that they were still residing in Missouri until 1894.

It is also not clear whether they were farming for themselves or working for others. But when the Indian Territory opened up for settlement, it must have seemed like a dream come true. By this time, William and Eliza had 6 surviving children, Samuel, Thomas, Annie, Charlie, George and Ollie. When they left for the Indian Territory, they may have left with children Thomas, Annie, Charlie, George and Ollie.

Of the Gilliland family that moved to Ardmore, Oklahoma, Eliza died 1906⁸, Thomas died presumably in Oklahoma in 1908⁹, and William returned to Missouri for a visit with his son, Samuel, and according to the death certificate, died just two days after coming back to Missouri of typhus that had been contracted in Oklahoma in Sept 1910. Charlie died of TB in May, 1915¹⁰ after he had moved back to Missouri. So the two daughters, Annie and Ollie, did survive that homestead expedition to go on to marry and have children of their own.

Sam, who stayed behind, was somewhere between the age of 18-25 at the time of this expedition and starting his own life. In Feb 1900¹¹, Sam married Laura Blanch Stanton his first wife and

Gilliland - Direct Descendancy Chart
James Gilliland b. 30 Aug 1810 Tennessee m.
William Thomas Gilliland b. 23 Nov 1851 Tennessee d. 18 Sep 1910 Carrollton, Carroll, Missouri m. Elizabeth Ann Wooden b. Abt. 1856 Missouri d. Sep 1906
Samuel Gordon Gilliland b. 18 Jul 1876 Missouri d. 22 Feb 1962 Carrollton, Carroll, Missouri m. Mary Ada McCombs b. 07 Mar 1887 Carroll Co., Missouri d. 21 Feb 1969 Pueblo, Pueblo, Colorado
Carl Stewart Gilliland b. 30 Jun 1925 Wakenda, Carroll, Missouri d. 09 Oct 2002 Warrensburg, Johnson, Missouri m. Mary Phyllis Filbin b. 16 May 1931 Axtell, Kearney, Nebraska d. 08 May 2007 Lee's Summit, Jackson, Missouri
Julia Ann Gilliland b. Kansas City, Jackson, Missouri

they had 3 children of their own. They were on the road to starting their own life. Had Samuel

Grandfather, continued on page 11

¹Missouri state Board of Health; bureau of Vital statistics; #26738; www.sos.mo.gov

²Bureau of Land Management; #29668, page 439.

³US Census 1860; Liberty, Crawford, Missouri; Roll: M653_616; Page: 876; Line 16-24; Image: 466; FHL: 803616.

⁴US Census 1870; Morris, Carroll, Missouri; Roll: M593_766; Page: 338A; line18-24. www.ancestry.com.

⁵Missouri, County Marriage Court Records, 1800-1991; Carroll county, Missouri Marriage records 1868-1882 Vol c; image 180 of 232; Missouri state Archives, Jefferson City, Missouri.

⁶IGI Family Search International Genealogical Index V 5.0; film # 458949.

⁷US Census 1880; Bates, Carroll, Missouri; Roll: 679; Page: 407C; lines 33-38; ED: 148; www.ancestry.com

⁸Newspaper transcript; Berwyn Light; September 6, 1906;

⁹IGI; Family Search International Genealogical Index v5.0; film # 458949.

¹⁰Missouri state Board of Health, Bureau of Vital Statistics; file # 15517; www.sos.mo.gov.

¹¹Missouri Marriage Records, 1805-2002; Jefferson City, MO, USA; Missouri State Archives.

The Mighty Egg

By Kathleen Young

We were all conceived from an egg. The egg is an ancient symbol of new life. It has been associated with pagan festivals celebrating spring. Easter eggs are said to represent Jesus' emergence from the tomb and resurrection.

With Easter upon us, many children celebrate with hunting for eggs hidden by the Easter Bunny. My parents were so clever hiding eggs that it took several years before we discovered them in the oddest places.

There were other types of "eggs" that our ancestors used and some are still used today.

Nesting eggs are artificial eggs that were left in a nest to induce a hen to continue to lay their own. My Aunt Tillie thought it was funny that I was fooled by these imposters and collected them along with the real ones. I was young; it was cold and dark in the chicken coop at such an early hour. She eventually allowed me to keep some which I have displayed with my keepsakes.

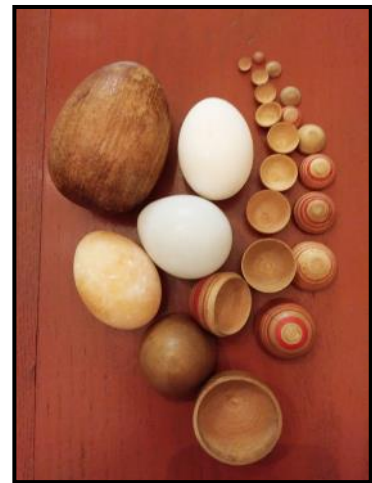


Easter 1960 with my siblings Michael, Kathleen, and Patricia

Darning eggs: These were hand turned wood eggs used for mending a hole or worn area in knitted material by interweaving yarn or embroidery floss with a needle. Socks were the most common article of clothing that I remember being darned.

Nest egg of the financial type was when money was set aside and saved for emergencies or future use. Maybe to buy a house or for retirement.

Eggs left to right: wood darning egg, 3 nesting eggs (marble and blown glass), set of 10 carved wood eggs (matryoshka concept).



An Imperial Egg by Faberge is one of the most beautiful and exquisite objects ever created in Russia. They symbolized the wealth of the Russian Imperial Family. The Russian royal family commissioned these eggs to be made to be given to each other at Easter. To own one of these eggs today would take a tidy "nest egg." Russian masters would make hollow detachable Easter eggs from wood long before the first nesting Matryoshka Dolls were made around the 1890's. My mother always wanted a nesting doll set. The closest she came to owning a set were the ten wood nesting eggs in the photo.

The omelet is my favorite way to fix eggs. Other ways are poached, scrambled fluffy or country style, fried over easy or sunny side up, boiled hard or soft, deviled, frittata, soufflé or quiche, coddled or raw.

Lastly, the bad jokes about eggs:

*What did the wicked chicken lay? (Deviled eggs)

*A rooster lays an egg on the peak of a roof. Which side of the roof does it roll down? (Neither, because roosters don't lay eggs)

*Where do tough chickens come from? (Hard boiled eggs)

*Where do Eskimos keep their eggs? (Inside an egg-loo!)

*Why was the egg late for school? (He didn't study for the eggs-am.)

What egg stories did your family share?

Who is Mrs. Senst?

By Caye Johnson



Frederika "Rika" Uecker



Herman Damerau

Once upon a time, there was a Prussian immigrant, Herman Damerau, living and working on his cousin's farm in Minnesota. It was there along the Minnesota/South Dakota border that he met his beautiful future wife, Frederika "Rika" Uecker. Rika had travelled west from Wisconsin to visit her brother, Charley Uckert¹, and her sister, Augusta "Gustie" (Uecker) Kreger, both of whom had homesteaded property in the Dakota Territory near Clear Lake², Deuel County, South Dakota. Herman followed Rika back to Wisconsin where they were married and lived happily ever after. And that is about the extent of what was remembered.

Upon the discovery of a post card addressed to Herman Damerau from "Your cousin, Mrs. Senst" in which she mentioned her sons, it was relatively easy to find the Senst household in the 1910 Minnesota census and other records to learn that her first name was Mary (aka Marie), b. 17 Aug 1873, Germany and her husband Herman, b. 27 Aug 1871, Minnesota. The Senst were not the obvious relatives, but upon further research into the Senst family, also from Prussia, neither were they members of the Damerau family. Therefore, it could be from Marie's side of the family. Researching through official marriage records and death records for Marie Senst revealed nothing. It was not until I found an Art Krause, who was a pall bearer at Marie

¹Changed spelling from Uecker to Uckert.

²Clear Lake is a city in and the county seat of Deuel County, South Dakota.

Damerau - Senst Lineages	
Gottfried Warm b. 1811 Bachwalde, East Prussia d. m. Anna Elizabeth Koetzing b. 1813 d. 1894	
Anna Elizabeth Warm b. 14 Nov 1836 Prussia d. 23 Sept 1904 Cottonwood Co., Minnesota m. 19 Aug 1858 Germany Edward Krause b. 1833 Bachwalde, East Prussia d. 10 Jan 1913 Cottonwood Co.,	Caroline Warm b. 22 Feb 1846 Bachwalde, East Prussia m. Christain Damerau b. 3 Dec 1837 Bachwalde, East Prussia d. 17 Oct 1913
Marie Krause b. 17 Aug 1873 Germany d. 17 Feb 1954 Minneapolis, Hennepin, Minnesota m. 13 Mar 1895 Germantown, Cottonwood, Minnesota Herman Senst b. 27 Aug 1871 Wabasha Co., Minnesota d. 23 Jul 1951 Minneapolis, Hennepin, Minnesota	Wilhelm Herman Damerau b. 15 Dec 1871 Bachwalde, East Prussia, d. 2 Sept 1953 Waupan, Fond du Lac, Wisconsin m. 18 Dec 1899 Wisconsin Frederika "Rika" Uecker, b. 10 Jul 1863 Wisconsin d. 25 Jan 1947 Brandon, Fond du Lac, Wisconsin
	Merlie Damerau b. 28 Apr 1905, Alto Township, Fond Du Lac, Wisconsin d. 24 Jul 1992 Norwalk, Fairfield, Connecticut m. 22 Jun 1932 Brandon, Fond Du Lac, Wisconsin Earl G. Johnson b. 3 Sep 1902 Scandia, Republic, Kansas d. 9 Jan 1992 Norwalk, Fairfield, Connecticut
	Richard Damerau Johnson, b. 28 Oct 1934 Zanesville, Muskingum, Ohio d. 26 Nov 2020 Pleasanton, Alameda, California m. 29 Dec 1969 San Jose, Santa Clara, California Catherine (Caye) Harriet Collins Johnson b. Brawley, Imperial, California Author of article, Living

Senst's funeral that it was possible to learn the name of Mrs. Senst's parents, Edward and Anna Krause. And subsequently that Anna Krause's maiden name was Anna Warm, the sister of Herman Damerau's mother, Caroline Warm. Eureka!! Herman Damerau was the first cousin of Marie Krause Senst and it was on their farm that he was working.

When Herman Damerau and Frederika were married Frekerika's father gave them 20 acres of orchard as a wedding gift. Initially they lived on the Uecker farm, but then bought adjacent property which became the Damerau farm. It was adjacent to the original Uecker farm and nearby farms owned by Frederika's brothers. The Damerau farm was located about 3 miles south of the town of Fairwater, Fond Du Lac, Wisconsin. They raised four children on the farm in Alto Township: Emma born April 1900, died 7 July 1933; Henry born 28 Dec 1901 died 6 Jan 1986; Gertrude born 1903 died 13 July 1961, and Merlie born 28 Apr 1905 died 24 Jul 1992.



Marie (née Krause) Senst

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Gilliland chosen to go to Oklahoma, it is quite possible that he would not have survived.

Samuel continued to have a lot of life challenges. His wife Laura died in 1909¹², leaving him with 3 children ages 8, 4 and 2. Laura had been in "feeble health for two years and for the past six months was confined to her bed most of the time" according to the newspaper article.

But a single woman on an adjacent farm was available to help out. Her name was Mary Ada McCombs she was 22 years old and was available to help Samuel

*Blanch Staton Gilliland
Circa 1890*



Mary Ada McCombs and Sam Gilliland 1961

with his 3 young children. Sam and she would eventually marry and have 3 children of their own. One of them would be my father. So there you have the grandfather that almost didn't happen.

¹²Newspaper record; Carrollton Republican Record; Jun 3, 1909, page 2 col. 4.

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<i>Jacqi Stevems</i>	<i>Blogging: Installment Plan for Publishing Your Family's Story</i>
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