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HAPPY NEW YEAR

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Members willing to loan personal reference material to fellow members.

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To exchange information with fellow members.

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Editorial

As all of the Christian world pauses for its most important holiday, let us not forget the real reason for this holiday. Members of all faiths, believers and non-believers recognize that almost two centuries ago, a man, Jesus of Nazareth, was born. This was destined to change the course of civilization forever.

This happy period of celebration is a marvelous time for a genealogist to better understand one of the greatest meanings of life- the passing of generations. Many of us will two, three and even four generations of family reunions. Don't forget to use your camera.

Now is the best time to collect oral history from your parents and grandparents, as well as to learn more about your own history. Pause, collect and remember the old, old tales of family history from our seniors. Unfortunately, this opportunity may never present itself so well again. Let us enjoy our parents, grandparents, children, children and grandchildren and other relatives for they are part of us and we are part of them. This very simply is what genealogy is all about.

President's Message

This time of year is always a good one for reassessing and redefining goals. Religiously, the season takes us back to our real roots. Socially, we are involved so frequently with tradition that it reminds us of our family's roots.

So give some thought to where you are going with your research, and how far you have come this year. So if nothing else, maybe you can use the housecleaning necessary for the holidays to mail out those letters you've had sitting around all these weeks. That makes fewer things to put away. Use the almost two months until our next meeting constructively.

Have a joyous holiday season!

Genealogical Notes and Aids

Doris Burnett has found the following letter very effective in locating her relatives.

Dear _____ Kin:

We are attempting to trace our family tree, and locate past and present descendents, and wonder if you would be so kind as to help us. If you will, please send us information about your grandparents as far back as possible, aunts, uncles, cousins and your immediate family.

For your convenience we are enclosing a chart of our branch to assist you. If you are related, we will send you a copy of the genealogy.

We are enclosing a self-addressed envelope, and thank you for your cooperation.

The self-addressed envelope is a must.

Hope this will be able to help all of us.

Genealogical Notes and Aids

Judy Williams offers the following information from the Ohio Genealogical Newsletter, September, 1978:

1. RESEARCH EXCHANGE will be a service provided by the OGS Newsletter for members of the OGS. It's purpose will be to aid the members in locating another person interested in exchanging research in courthouses, libraries, etc.
2. Type or print on postcard addressed to RESEARCH EXCHANGE, Mrs. Rita Kopp, 230 E. Walnut Street, Ashland, Ohio, 44805. No more than two a year, please. They will be numbered as they are received and will be in the OGS Newsletter as space is available. Unless noted on the postcard, they will then be put on file at Headquarters.
3. Once the query has appeared in the OGS Newsletter, it will be the responsibility of the individual to use their discretion when answering all letters received and making arrangements concerning what research will be done. If you are answering a query, remember to enclose a SASE.
4. No professional advertisements, please. This is meant to be a free exchange.
5. Please send as follows:

County or counties that you will research in.
(No more than four)

Your name
Your address

County or counties that you would like work
done in. (No more than four)

My Successful Hunt

By Lucile White

When I began the search for my father's family I didn't have very much information to start with, but I did know that my grandfather, Dean Swift was born in Ohio and married in Oklahoma. I found Dean's parents and their family in Scioto County Ohio in 1850, 1860 and 1870 but they then disappeared. I thought since the parents were getting older they had probably died in Ohio and the children moved on to new lands. I searched the Ohio records for death notices, marriage records, anything available with no success. I started looking then in Oklahoma records for the younger members of this family but had no luck there either so gave up on that family.

I decided to work on my father's line through his mother's family. I knew she had been born in Nebraska so I went to the 1880 Soundex and located them. For further information I looked them up in the 1880 census. I not only found what I wanted to know but also found on the same census page the Swift family I had searched Ohio and Oklahoma for. There in Washington County Nebraska was fifteen year old Richard and a neighbor girl, Olive seven years old, who married nineteen years later at Stillwater, Oklahoma and eventually became my grandparents.

I might add that Richard's father died in Nebraska but his mother, though very aged by this time, made another big move into Oklahoma and is buried there. Another lucky find, I found her grave when I went to Stillwater to see Olive's grave.

Editor's note-Lets have more success stories like this. They inspire other members to solve difficult problems and are interesting to us all.

Queries

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Who were parents of Richard Swift, born 1819 in Pa. His father was born in Maryland?

What was maiden name of Rebecca, who married Richard Swift about 1839-40, probably in Ohio?

Who were parents of brothers, John and James Helms, born about 1860-70 in N.C.?

What was maiden name of Elizabeth, wife of James Helms, may have married in N.C. about 1890?

Abbreviations Commonly Used in Genealogy

Copied from various sources by Lucile White

Adm-Administration
Acc- Account
Ae or aet-Of age or aged
Anc-Ancestor
B-Born
BD-Birthdate
Bp-Baptized
BPL-P lace of birth
Bro-Brother
Bur-Buried
C, Ca, Cira-About this date
Cem-Cemetery
Ch-Children
Chr-Christened
Co-County
Da, Dau-Daughter
D-Died
Desc-Descendant
Dec-Deceased
DPL-P lace of death
D.V.P.-Died in his father's lifetime
D.V.M.-Died in his mother's lifetime
D.S.P .-Died without Issue
D/O-Daughter of
Div-Divorced
Ead-Inthe same way
Eadem-To the same purpose
ET UX, ET UXOR, ET UXORIS-And wife
Exx-Exor-Executrix
Ex, Exec-Executor
F-Father
Fol, Folio-Page
Gdn-Guardian
H.S.-Here is buried
Ibid-The same
Imp-In the same place
In loc cit-In place cited
Intestate-Died without making will
Inv-Inventory of estate
J.P.-Justice of Peace
Lib, liber-Book
Li-Lived or living

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Abbreviations (continued from page 450)

M-Married
M/1-Married first
Mg-Minister of gospel
Mor-Mother
N.D.-No date
NFI-No further information
Nm-Name
Nunc, nuncupative-Oral will
Ob, obit-Died
O.S.-Old Style, Julian Calendar (Used before 1752)
PIA-Power of attorney
Pro-Probate or proved
Par-Parish
SASE-Self addressed stamped envelope
Sic-When in brackets after word means copied as shown
Slg-Without legitimate issue
T, temp-In time of
Twp-Township
Unm-Unmarried
Ux, Uxor, Uxoris-Wife
V.R.-Vital Records
V.D.M-Minister
Wid-Widow
X-Mark for name

Definitions of Some Archaic Words

Consort-Means wife of a man still living.
Relict-Means widow
Brother or sister may mean belonging to the same church.
Uncle or aunt may be just a term of affection instead of relation.
Extant-Still existing.
Antecedent-One's ancestry
Chainer-Surveyor
Pound-Monetary unit of Great Britain, equal to 20 shillings or 240 pence. Having an exchange value of about \$2.80 Symbol £
Shilling-British money of account and silver coin. Equal to 12 pence. Symbol 1
Coin of Colonial America, of varying value.
Penny-British bronze coin equal to 1/12 shilling. d
Pence-Plural of penny, as twopence.

