

# BOUSE GENIES

## OVERCOMING GENEALOGICAL DEAD ENDS

by Carolyn H. Brown

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The theme for this issue is how to overcome those frustrating dead ends in your genealogy research. It is important that you understand that there is no "sure-fire" solution to this problem except through thorough research. That means that you have to look at the entire life of the individual, glean information from every record, and then using sound genealogy techniques, determine if you do have the right individual.

Sometimes you will reach a point where there are no more records available to you. That does not mean they are not available somewhere, it just means that you have not discovered them yet, or are not able to get to the right repository for more research.

I have met one professional researcher that swears that she has a 99% success record. I guarantee that I don't fall in that category, but I can provide some direction to help you continue your search.

Throughout this newsletter there will be tips to help you. However, the best advice I can provide is to read and study how others have accomplished their end goals. Reading "how to" books, including genealogical magazines and quarterlies of all types, will help you with ideas you can use in your search. You never know when some tidbit of information may introduce you to another source of information of which you were not aware. Talk your problem over with other researchers. Attend classes. Even if you are an experienced researcher, a beginning class by someone you have not heard sometimes provides some information you did not know.

Many of us have a story passed down through generations in our family. Unfortunately we have a hard time putting that information, which is hearsay, aside and gathering just the facts. Oftentimes the facts will not fit with the story. Stories are a starting point, not an ending point.

Make it a habit of gathering all data that you think may someday fit your family, but at the time you are not sure just how. You never know when you will find that one small piece of information that will tie everything together. It would be a shame if you failed to copy the information when you saw it, and don't remember where it was.

When researching an individual in an area where there are two or more individuals with the same name, it is as important to prove who your ancestor was not, as it is to prove who he/she was. By following some of the suggestions in the articles in this issue you just might overcome that dead end.



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## FROM THE COMPUTER DESK

### BATCH RE-FORMAT YOUR DIGITAL IMAGES by Barbara A. H. Nuehring [from the SKP Genies Newsletter Mar/Apr 2009]

In the last issue of the Bouse Genies Newsletter, Carol said: "Don't Save Your Photos in .JPG Format...save [them] in .TIF which is a "lossless" format."

You were probably thinking: "Yeah, right! That's easy for her to say, she doesn't have hundreds of thousands of photographs in .JPG format."

But I say: "It's easier and faster than you may think."

With today's technology it is a myth to think that you have to open each image in a photo editing program to change the format (i.e., .JPG to .TIF). There are several software programs on the market that will allow you to easily batch re-format your photos without opening them. These are three of them:

#### IrfanView

<[www.irfanview.com](http://www.irfanview.com)> is a great little free program for quick viewing of photos, simple photo editing, and file management.

#### CompuPic Express

<[www.photodex.com/products/compupicexpress](http://www.photodex.com/products/compupicexpress)>, a

beginners level program for viewing pictures, file management and printing pictures, is one of many photo enhancing and sharing programs by Photodex Corporation. Price is about \$25.00.

#### Breeze Browser Pro

<[www.breezesys.com/BreezeBrowser](http://www.breezesys.com/BreezeBrowser)>, as the name implies, is a browser-based program for viewing, comparing and managing digital images, and if you take photos in raw format, it also offers raw conversion for Canon, Nikon, Pentax, Minolta and Olympus cameras. Cost is in the \$70.00 range.

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Web sites come, move, and go on a regular basis. These URLs were current at the time of publication and are subject to unannounced changes.

### Overcome Dead Ends

#### Using Mailing Lists, Message Boards and Forums

Article about Mailing Lists [www.oz.net/~markhow/writing/hammer.htm](http://www.oz.net/~markhow/writing/hammer.htm)  
Mark Howells explains the genealogist's most powerful Internet tool.

Genealogy Mailing Lists [www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~jfuller/gen\\_mail.html](http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~jfuller/gen_mail.html)  
List with links to find and subscribe to mailing lists for countries around the world; all the States; most counties; a gazillion different surnames and miscellaneous subjects.

RootsWeb Mailing Lists <http://lists.rootsweb.ancestry.com>

GenForum Message Board <http://genforum.genealogy.com/>

Ancestry Message Board <http://boards.ancestry.com/>

Long Lost Family Bulletin Board [www.yourfamily.com/lost\\_family.html](http://www.yourfamily.com/lost_family.html)

This site has an extensive list of English language books, periodicals and web sites that provide guidance and resources for researching Russian records and various ethnic groups.

**OVERCOME A DEAD END:*****LOOK AT DATA FROM  
A DIFFERENT ANGLE***by **Barbara A. H. Nuehring # 83946**

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Sometimes our dead ends are self-inflicted. We have a tendency to look at source documents in a vacuum and find ourselves overwhelmed by unanswered questions and conflicting data. Trapped at a dead end, we keep looking straight ahead when we should be looking for an alternate course of action. One way to overcome a dead end is to step back and look at the data from a different angle.

We get data from various media—microfilm, fiche, digital images, personal diaries, registry books, long multi-page legal documents, small index cards, family traditions and published genealogies. Data is recorded in numerous types of documents—legal, religious and private. No two documents are the same size or have the same format. And sometimes, there are inconsistencies, omissions and errors.

Our goal is to organize all the data we have into one format. It is so much easier to analyze data when it is “all together in one place.” Creating a table in my word processing software, or using a spreadsheet application, works well for me. But, before the advent of computers I used paper, pencil and ruler.

Make columns and rows to accommodate the data. From the various source documents, transcribe all the data into one format—even when you suspect that

the data is probably wrong. This will give you “the big picture” and you’ll see similarities and differences, patterns and anomalies in the data you have amassed.

Take the case of great-grandmother Helen. [See *example below.*] She is our dead end. We need to locate her birth and/or baptismal record in order to identify her parents. By combining all we know in one format, we can analyze the data, prioritize the direction of our research and identify missing sources we should examine.

There are many other ways that spreadsheets and tables—digital or paper—can aid in overcoming dead ends. For example:

A checklist for each ancestor, created from the *List of Records an Individual Might Generate* on page 9, will insure that all records have been gathered and examined for information or clues.

A tracking list of domiciles by census years of all family members will show what censuses are missing for which individual. Also, by knowing the migration patterns of the children, you may find a missing widowed parent or married sister.

Timelines aid in identifying where documents were created and “To-Do-Lists” help us stay focused.

A dead end is a very personal problem. Each dead end will call for special attention, detailed analysis and creativity in overcoming the impasse. In other words, look at your data from a different angle and you may find you are not at a dead end at all.

**What is Helen’s Birth Date and Place?**

Record	Age	Birth Date	Birth Place	Informant
Death Certificate dtd: 8 Apr 1916 Boyer Valley Twp Sac County, IA	75	Est. from age: 1840 - 1841	Wisconsin	Daughter-in-law Amy HAMILTON
1880 Federal Census, Jericho, Chittenden County, VT	34	Est. from age: 1843 - 1844	Connecticut	Census Taker
1900 Federal Census, Glen Haven, Grant County, WI	57	March 1843	Connecticut	Census Taker
1910 Federal Census, Boyer Valley Twp, Sac County, IA	68	Est. from age: 1841 - 1842	Vermont	Census Taker
20 Feb 1863: Marriage to Samuel HAMILTON, Underhill, Chittenden County, VT	19	Est. from age: 1842 - 1843	Not listed	County Clerk, signed by the Minister
23 Jul 1901: Marriage to David YOUNGER, Sac County, IA	55	Est. from age: 1846 - 1847	Not listed	County Clerk

**OVERCOME A DEAD END:*****MAKE USE OF EVERY RESOURCE***

by Barbara A. H. Nuehring

[from the SKP Genies Newsletter Mar/Apr 2009]

It was 1999. The sun was shining and I was in Chicago—and there is so much more for me to research in the Windy City than microforms and historical documents. This is the town where my mother's German immigrant grandparents, Julius GEIGER and Adam SCHOBER, raised their families, and I wanted to see some of the places that are the closest thing big-city-slickers can call the "family homestead."

One of the most important houses was the rental where my great-grandmother, Elizabeth (BUDE) GEIGER, died in 1936. I found it—on a wide street lined with trees, well manicured lawns and grass between the sidewalk and the street. I couldn't believe it. It was a picture postcard setting and as I gazed in awe, stories mother shared with me of her life in that house came alive.

As I was digging through my backpack in search of my point-n-shoot, a couple of people came out of the house. When I asked if I could take a picture and the reason behind my request—I was adamantly refused. "You cannot take a picture of someone else's private home!" I stood there a couple more minutes trying to imprint the vision of the house in my head, then wiped the sweat off my cheeks that had formed around the rim of my sunglasses.

When I noticed that those leaving and those remaining on the porch looked quizzically at me, I thought *ah-ha!* Then with a little motivation real tears began to form. I slowly hoisted my pack onto my back, wiped away some tears and started down the street. Shortly after that, the car with the couple in it drove by. I wiped more tears away. It wasn't long after that a young man, who appeared to be in his late teens, came running up behind me. "Hey, lady, come take your pictures; they've gone and won't be back for awhile." We walked the two blocks back together and I took my photographs.

Only goes to show that we should make use of every resource to get past a dead end—including tears.

**Half of all Americans live within  
50 miles of their birthplace**

**I'm not stuck; I'm ancestrally challenged.**

***BEGINNERS' PITFALLS  
FALLS***

by Carolyn H. Brown

[from the SKP Genies Newsletter Mar/Apr 2009]

**IT HAS TO BE MY ANCESTOR. HE IS IN THE RIGHT PLACE, AT THE RIGHT TIME, WITH THE RIGHT NAME.**

Unfortunately, many researchers decide that if someone is in the right place, at the right time, that the information gathered is about the right person. This often is not true. Many people have the same name. If you don't separate the information and prove the individual to whom it applies, then you have made a bad assumption.

When you encounter a situation where you are unsure about the possibility of there being more than one person in an area with the name of interest to you, then you must stop and take the time to really research the situation. This means gathering every document you can find concerning anyone with that name. Get copies of the documents, don't rely on transcripts, or some very significant information will be lost in the translation.

Study the documents as a unit. That is, compare the way the individuals signed their name. I have one case where there are two William Spraggins in the same area at the same time. Neither could write their names, however, one signed his documents with an X mark and one used an O mark. Also look at the individuals listed in the text of the documents, as well as the witnesses. You will probably find that these people are unique to one or the other individuals. In my case, only one William left a will, so that did not help with identifying the children of the other William.

Study the language and spelling used. Especially if the documents were written by the individual, not a clerk.

**MY ANCESTOR USED THE SUFFIX JUNIOR, SO HIS FATHER MUST HAVE BEEN SENIOR.**

This is not necessarily so. Oftentimes when there are multiple individuals living in the same area at the same time, they have to have some way of telling them apart. Therefore, the elder of that name would be called senior and the younger called junior. In some cases, they may be related, such as uncle & nephew, but then again they may not be related at all. Careful research can resolve this dilemma.

**OVERCOME A DEAD END:*****NEVER STOP QUESTIONING DATA***by **Maryalice Gordon**[from the **SKP Genies Newsletter Mar/Apr 2009**]

Occasionally a dead end will be very troublesome--not because you've not done your research properly, but because something insignificant was ignored. I have gone back at least three or more generations and examined every individual detail again. Were John and Jack cousins, or brothers, or even twins? Did they both marry "Mary Jones"? Or is it possible that "Jack" is John's nick-name? What are the locations for Jack and Mary Smith? Are John and Mary Jones living nearby? These type of questions will help you sort out an ancestor and establish a correct line that will, in turn, help you locate additional ancestors.

***Digging Deeper***by **Carolyn H. Brown**[from the **SKP Genies Newsletter Mar/Apr 2009**]

The more we research the more we want to know about our ancestors other than names, dates and places. We are ready to put meat on the bones of those who passed before us. Sometimes we are lucky and have diaries, journals and other documents passed down in the family that help tell the stories of our ancestors' lives. Many more times we really know very little about these people we have worked so hard to find.

We find our ancestors in censuses, books and other documents, but we don't know much about them. There are other records to check to help fill in the context of our ancestors' lives.

Did your ancestor belong to any of the many fraternal organizations? For instance, if your ancestor was a Mason, you can find out when and where he went through "the chairs". If the individual moved, these records will also show where and when he transferred membership. This is an excellent method to use to find out where he may have moved as he traveled across the country. These records do not tell you anything of genealogical value, like date of birth, marriage or death, but they do tell you where to look for these life-changing events.

If you know the church they were affiliated with, their records will tell you something about the individual. It was through the church membership list that I found out that my great-grandmother had re-married. The family did not like her second husband, and never spoke of him.

Another possibility would be if your ancestor belonged to a national sports team. Researching their records will give you an idea of how often the individual moved from one area to another.

Railroad and other corporation records can also point you in the right direction for additional records of genealogical value.

Obituaries of close relatives often tell where the people who attended the funeral were from. Have you lost an aunt or uncle? Check the obituary of that person's parents, siblings, and children.

If you know a person lived in an area for any length of time, check the local history book. You may not find the individual of interest, but look for everyone with that same surname. They may be mentioned in some else's story.

If you suspect that the individual may have moved, check the city directories to determine when they disappeared from the directory. They may have moved, but not very far away.

Try to think of every record created through a person's life, and check as many as possible to help find out more about that person. You will be surprised at how much information is available to you. Just do a little more digging.

**OVERCOME A DEAD END:*****BREAK OUT THE PRISON RECORDS***by **Jeanette Fisher**  
[from the **SKP Genies Newsletter Mar/Apr 2009**]

One afternoon as we were driving through the small town of Canon City, Colorado, my mother pointed to the state prison and said, "That's where your dad was." To a 14-year-old, I didn't know what to think or say, so being a shy child, I kept my mouth shut and my confused thoughts to myself. Little did I know at the time that my mother created my dead end--otherwise known as a brick wall--and her sister would help me break it down.

When I was about nine years of age, my mother informed me that the man I knew as my father was actually my step-father. He had adopted me after he married my mother. My natural father left us when I was two years old—too young to remember. The subject was never broached again.

After my step-father passed away in 1999, I decided to try to find my natural father. I dutifully interviewed my mother, asking all the requisite questions about dates, places, etc., and she answered, admitting it had been so long she couldn't remember many details. Then I began my search.

I decided that the first document I should look for would be a marriage certificate or other evidence of my mother's marriage to my natural father. My inquiry to vital statistics left me empty-handed. What to try next was my dilemma.

As luck would have it, a couple years later my mother's sister agreed to be interviewed about her family. On the appointed day, I sat in my aunt's living room delving into her memories and her children's vital statistics. She was enjoying answering my questions, then asked one of me: "What has your mother told you about your natural father?"

I was taken aback, at first, but repeated the few details my mother had told me about her marriage and my "unknown" family. As I completed my story, my aunt threw her head back and laughed! When she composed herself she blurted, "Your mother couldn't have been married to your father—he was married to another woman!"

That explains why I couldn't find a marriage certificate! And now I was up against the brick wall. The only information I truly had was his name; no age, no birthplace... nothing.

Then I recalled what my mother had said that day in Canon City. I began my online search of the Colorado State Archives website only to find there were about 20 men with the same name as my father incarcerated in the same prison. I didn't know why he had been imprisoned. How could I possibly know which man was the right one, and how would I know if I ever found the right one?

I began analyzing the dilemma and realized this person would probably be similar in age to my mother and probably from the same area in Colorado where she lived.

Looking closely at the prisoners' dates of birth, I came upon one born four years before my mother. Checking his other statistics it turned out he was from the same

town my mother and her parents had lived in. I hurriedly sent for his mug shots. When they arrived I had no doubt he was my natural father. He had been imprisoned for six months for not paying child support. My brick wall crumbled by using a clue and some brain power. Lesson learned: Never give up... our ancestors are out there somewhere. We just have to figure out how to find them.

#### OVERCOME A DEAD END:

### ***DON'T IGNORE MILITARY PENSION RECORDS***

by Carolyn H. Brown  
[from the SKP Genies Newsletter  
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One of the sets of records that has helped me past a dead end is the United States Military Pension Records. I had information about James Winn being in the War of 1812. I know some information about his wife, Rebecca Parks Winn, but not much. I did not know where she was from or anything about her trip to Missouri, which is where she died.

I purchased James's pension record file from the National Archives (NARA) and received a large packet of information. The packet also included the "War of 1812 Claim of Widow for Service Pension" documents. At the bottom of one of these documents it states: "My husband lived in Madison Co, Ky until 1821, then lived in Howard Co., Mo. until we were married. I lived in North Carolina until 1807, in Madison Co., Ky until 1809. In Henderson Co, Ky. until 1820. From 1820 to the date of marriage in Chariton Co., Mo. From date of marriage until my husband's death we lived in Chariton Co., Mo." Now I knew every place to look for her, and the dates she may have appeared in records there.

Military Records of all types are now available online. The subscription website, <http://footnote.com> entered into a contract with the *National Archives Records Administration* (NARA) to digitize and make available their records. Since the Nara has raised their prices, a subscription to *footnote.com* is cheap for what you can get, right at your fingertips.

**Work with others to overcome dead ends;  
"we" are smarter than "me".**

**It's an unusual family that hath neither  
a lady of the evening or a thief.**

**OVERCOME A DEAD END:*****CONQUERING THE KING OF BRICK WALLS!***

by Lynell Arnott  
[from the SKP Genies Newsletter  
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For many years I have been stuck in Mississippi with my third great-grandfather, John Adams. I knew a great deal about him once he showed up in Mississippi in 1835, and I knew that he had a brother, Hiram, also in Mississippi. Hiram died in 1846 and John Adams became guardian to his nephew, Elias Thomas Adams. Then, when the nephew died in 1861 at age 21, unmarried, John Adams was the executor of Elias's will.

In 1868, as Elias Adams' estate was to be closed, John Adams ran the following ad in the paper:

"To Josiah Adams, Jackson Adams, Perry Adams, Edward Adams, Mary Fox and \_\_\_ Fox her husband, Adeline Casey, and Wm. Casey her husband, of the State of Florida, and Lucy Akins, and Samuel Akins her husband, Susan Phillips, Lydia Phillips, and Pernetta Phillips whose residence is unknown."

"You and each of you are hereby cited to be and personally appear before the Probate Court of Clarke County, Mississippi, at the Court House thereof, in the town of Quittman, on the first Monday of March, 1868..."

I knew that Lucy Akins, Susan Phillips, Lydia Phillips and Pernetta Phillips were maternal aunts of Elias and that it was likely that the Florida persons listed were probably his paternal aunts and uncles. But never could I find any of these Adams in Florida. Other researchers were stuck at the same place.

In 2006, another Adams researcher, George Shirley, corresponded with me and pointed out that he had found a Thomas King III in Florida, whose children's names were exactly the same as the siblings of my John Adams. That was interesting, but without any other evidence, I just set the information aside. Why would someone change their name and leave the rest of their family behind?

Then, in 2008, I heard again from George Shirley:

"In 1835, Thomas King III of Nassau County, FL crossed the state line into Camden County, GA with his sons John King, Hiram King, George King, son-in-law William Rouse and his brother Simeon

Rouse proceeding to the Casey home. It is believed they were seeking revenge for his daughter Adeline King marrying William Casey against Thomas King's will and angry that the Caseys had supposedly untied his ferry boats at King's Ferry enabling them to float down the river towards the Atlantic Ocean. Several members of the Casey family were killed along with at least one other and several other people were wounded."

"Thomas King III was caught, tried, and executed. All others escaped and fled. For years, various researchers have tried to find the King sons who fled. Recently...I have concluded that John and Hiram King fled to Jasper County, Mississippi and changed their last name to Adams..."

Well, now there appeared to be a reason that someone would change their name! The evidence began to stack up. My John Adams' signature looks identical to the signature of John King in a letter he sent to his mother. That same letter clearly indicated that John, Hiram and George King were on the run and would probably never see their mother again. Thomas King III's daughters had married a Casey and a Fox, the same names listed in John Adams' newspaper listing of Adams' relatives. It has been known by Rouse family researchers, that the two Rouse brothers that had participated in the murders had changed their surnames, which made it more believable that the Adams brothers had changed theirs, as well. And, of course, my John Adams and his brother Hiram Adams appeared in Mississippi in 1835.

There is other evidence, too, and now we are virtually certain that my John Adams' father was Thomas King III of Nassau County, Florida. This last December I went to Florida, and to Camden County, Georgia, where the hanging tree still lives. It gives a new meaning to my "family tree!" And now I can go on to other brick walls feeling certain that at least this one has been broken down.

***DONNA'S DICTIONARY***

The more unusual a surname, the more ways it could be spelled.

When you whine, "I haven't found him anywhere... " always add the little word "yet" at the end of the sentence.

The answer you seek will be in the last place you look. (Because you don't bother to look for it after you've found it!)

# ABCs

## THE A-B-Cs OF GENEALOGY

by Maryalice Gordon  
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### I - J - K - L

**I** is for **IGNORE** surname. Fixating on a surname may limit the ability to find an ancestor, especially when using a digital database. Scanning the given names may result in success, even when the surname is illegible, badly spelled, or incorrectly indexed.

**J** is for **JOIN** a Historical Society. They offer a wide range of benefits for genealogists, from preservation and access to historical records to scholarly publications and educational events.

**K** is for **KIN** and/or **KINDRED**. My dictionary states that "kin" are relatives, family, related by blood, and "kindred" is a relationship by birth or by marriage. Sounds similar, doesn't it?

**L** is for **LURK**. It may seem that one (or more) of your ancestors is indeed "lurking". They are staying hidden, but the entire definition of "lurk" includes "to stay hidden, ready to spring out, attack, etc; lie in wait." Many ancestors are "lying in wait" for you to find them. Happy hunting!

#### OVERCOME A DEAD END:

### REVIEW WHAT YOU ALREADY HAVE

by Carolyn H. Brown  
[from the SKP Genies Newsletter  
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So many of us work on a problem, sometimes for years. We work on it a while, get discouraged and put it away, and pull it out later to start again. But do you really look at everything you have gathered about that individual and everyone associated with him or her? Unfortunately, most of us would say, "No. I just started where I left off the last time."

Now is the time to really go back through every document you have for that individual, his or her parents, spouses, siblings, children and grandchildren.



Reread each document carefully and see if you missed something, because it did not make sense, or you now have more information to work with.

Have you tried connecting him with his neighbors, church or lodge associates?

If you are still stuck, work on those around him, and get as many documents on them as you possibly can. You may find your answer in someone else's documents.

### CHECK EVERY RECORD A PERSON MIGHT HAVE GENERATED

by Carolyn H. Brown  
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We all know we need to work backward in time from the known to the unknown. When we reach a brick wall we think we have done all we can do, but that is not necessarily true.

Depending on the time frame in which the person lived you need to analyze all of the possible records a person could have generated in their lifetime. Take a good look at the chart on page 9 and see what records you may have missed, and start again. No one created every record listed in this chart, but most people created several of them. Using this list, start with the most recent document the individual may have generated.

**REVIEW WHAT YOU HAVE FOR CLUES:** You just may have missed a clue that meant nothing to you when you found the document originally, but now it does. If you have a photo, see if there is anything in it that may help you.

**READEACHDOCUMENTYOULOCATE CAREFULLY:** Even the slightest bit of information could open another avenue to follow.

**CHECK OUT EVERY NAME ON LEGAL DOCUMENTS:** Many times the person who witnessed a legal document was a family member.

**IF YOU CAN'T GO BACKWARD—GO SIDWAYS:** Work all collateral lines. That includes siblings, aunts and uncles and cousins.

**Families are like fudge...  
mostly sweet, with a few nuts.**

## ***RECORDS AN INDIVIDUAL MIGHT HAVE GENERATED***

An individual could have, in the course of their life, generated many records that may provide information of interest to genealogist. This list will assist you when you encounter problems gathering a specific type of record and give an alternate choice.

### HOME SOURCES:

### PERSONAL & FAMILY RECORDS:

- Baby Book
- Bank Records
- Biography
- Computer Files
- Economic Records
- Family Bible
- Family Group Sheets
- Family Histories
- Engagement Anno.
- Farm Records
- Funeral Program
- Gifts
- Heirlooms
- Health Records
- Journals, Diaries
- Legal Papers
- Letters/Cards
- Military Records
- Pedigrees
- Personal Interview
- Personal Knowledge
- Photographs
- Scrapbooks
- Wedding Book

### CERTIFICATES:

- Adoption
- Achievement
- Apprenticeship
- Award
- Baptism
- Birth
- Blessing
- Christening
- Confirmation
- Death
- Divorce
- Graduation
- Marriage
- Membership
- Ministerial
- Mission Release
- Ordination
- Transfer

### INSURANCE:

- Accident
- Automobile
- Fire
- Health
- Home Owner
- Life
- Marine
- Recreational Vehicle
- Renters

### SCHOOL RECORDS:

- Awards
- College
- Diplomas

- Elementary
- Honor Roll
- Publications
- Report Cards
- Scholarship
- Secondary
- Transcripts
- Yearbooks

### OTHER SOURCES:

### FAMILY HISTORY LIBRARY INDEXES:

- International Gene. Indx.
- Family Group Archive
- Temple Index Bureau

### CHURCH RECORDS:

- Announcements
- Annulment
- Banns
- Baptism
- Birth
- Burial
- Christening
- Class Rolls
- Confirmation
- Convents
- Death
- Divorce
- Marriage
- Membership Lists
- Ministers Records
- Minutes
- Mission Reports
- Ordination
- Transfer

### CEMETERY RECORDS:

- Funeral Home
- Memorials
- Sextons
- Tombstones

### U.S. FEDERAL CENSUS:

- Indexes
- 1790     1860
- 1800     1870
- 1810     1880
- 1820     1900
- 1830     1910
- 1840     1920
- 1850     1930
- Agricultural Schedule
- Mortality Schedules

### STATE CENSUSES:

- \_\_\_\_\_
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### CITY DIRECTORIES:

- \_\_\_\_\_
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### COMPUTER LISTS:

- Databases
- Digitized Books
- Indexes
- Orphan Lists
- Ships Passenger Lists
- Wagon Train Lists

### COLLECTIONS:

- Biographies
- Correspondence
- Indexes
- Inscriptions
- Genealogical Society
- Manuscripts
- Mayflower Society
- Newspapers
- Other Lineage Societies
- Personal Papers
- Surname Files

### COURT RECORDS:

- Case Files
- Chancery Court
- Dockets
- Judgments
- Minutes
- Orders, Decrees

### COURT-RELATED RECORDS:

- Arrest
- Jail
- Jury
- Justice of Peace
- Lawyers Briefs
- Police
- Sheriff

### EMPLOYMENT RECORD:

- Applications
- Apprenticeships
- Disciplinary
- Indentures
- Licenses
- Pensions
- Personnel
- Retirement
- Service Awards
- Social Security
- Termination
- Transfers
- Union

### IMMIGRANT RECORDS:

- Alien Registrations
- Citizenship Papers
- Crew Lists
- Customs Records
- Deportation
- Immigrant Aid Society.
- Letter Books

- Logbooks
- Naturalization
- Passenger Lists
- Passports
- Protocols
- Register of Seamen
- Vaccination
- Visas

### INSTITUTION & ORGANIZATION RECORDS:

- Business Organizations
- Charities
- Fraternal Organizations
- Genealogical Societies
- Historical Societies
- Hospitals
- Libraries
- Mission Societies
- Seminaries
- Sports Organizations

### LAND RECORDS:

- Deeds
- Land Grants
- Leases
- Maps
- Mineral Rights
- Mortgage
- Patents, Grants
- Water Rights

### LEGAL PAPERS:

- Abstracts of Title
- Adoption
- Auctions
- Bankruptcies
- Bonds
- Contracts
- Convictions
- Divorce
- Guardians Papers
- Loans
- Summons
- Subpoena
- Tax Notices

### LICENSES:

- Business
- Drivers
- Firearms
- Fishing
- Hunting
- Motor Vehicle
- Recreational Vehicle
- Occupation
- Professional

### LOCAL HISTORIES:

- City
- County
- State

### MAPS:

- Civil War
- Insurance
- County Plat

### MARRIAGE RECORDS:

- Applications
- Banns
- Bond
- Licenses
- Marriage Book
- Returns

### MILITARY RECORDS:

- Bounty Award
- Citations
- Disability
- Discharge
- Firearms
- National Guard
- Pension
- Ribbons
- Selective Service
- Separation Papers
- Service
- Service Medals
- Sword
- Uniform

### NEWSPAPERS:

- Advertisements
- Anniversaries
- Announcements
- Birth
- Business Page
- Deaths
- Genealogical
- Gossip
- Historical
- Indexes
- Local News
- Marriage
- Obituaries
- Specific Dates
- Society Page

### PROBATE RECORDS:

- Administrations
- Bonds
- Guardianships
- Estate Inventories
- Packets
- Settlements
- Wills

### TAX RECORDS:

- Income Tax
- Personal Property
- Poll Tax
- Poor Rate
- Real Estate
- School

## *Bouse Genies*

### 2009 MEETING SCHEDULE

There will be no more night meeting. We tried it for three meetings, and on the first night we got a few from Quartzsite who could not attend a day meeting. None of the locals that had indicated an interest ever attended any of the night meetings. Therefore, we will return to the old meeting time. However, we will continue with a meeting every Friday until after all of the Legacy CD's have been shown. After that, we will discuss having a meeting every Friday or not.

**We will be meeting every Friday in March and April 2009 as follows:**

March 6 - 10 AM to 12 - Legacy CD Tagging & Searching Made Easy

March 13 - 10 AM to 12 - Betty Gilbert & Carol Brown show books

March 20 - 10 AM to 12 - Legacy CD Creating & Sharing Perfect Reports

March 27 - 10 AM to 12 - Barbara Nuehring speaker - Timelines: Understanding Your Ancestors World

April 3 - 10 AM to 12 - Legacy CD Insider's Guide to Legacy: Tips & Tricks

April 10 - 10 AM to 12 - Topic Open

April 17 - 10 AM to 12 - Legacy CD Picturing Your Legacy

April 24 - 10 AM to 12 - Topic Open

## *Bouse Genies News*

**by Carolyn H. Brown - Chairman**

We have been very fortunate this season to have a lot of new members. We wish to welcome all of you, and hope that you will return to visit with us next winter.

We have received the \$500 from the Bouse Chamber of Commerce and have been told that we will receive the \$500 the Bouse Booster's for Ancestry in the Library.

The Library opened on Tuesday, February 24. We are hoping to get our books, which can be placed in the library, ready shortly.

Thanks to all of the ladies that volunteered to help the Friends of the Bouse Public Library with their Fashion Show. Your assistance is greatly appreciated. Surely! A good time was had by all. We learned a lot about putting on this type of show, and will do it again next year. Next year it will be in the Booster Hall, where we can seat more people.

This is your newsletter, and I encourage each of you to submit any articles you wish to see included.

Following is the list of proposed article topics for the remainder of the year.

**May - Jun 2009 - Wills & Probates** (deadline 10 Apr 2009)

**Jul - Aug - 2009 - Getting More Out of Land Records** - Deeds, Patents, Land Grants, Homestead Act - Plotting land (deadline 10 Jun 2009)

**Sep - Oct - 2009 - Mixed Bag of Topics** (deadline 10 Aug 2009)

**Nov - Dec - 2009 - DNA in Genealogy** (deadline 10 Oct 2009)

## *THE ELUSIVE ANCESTOR*

**By Merrell Kenworthy**

I went searching for an ancestor. I cannot find him still. He moved around from place to place and did not leave a will.

He married where a courthouse burned. He mended all his fences.

He avoided any man who came to take the U.S. Census.

He always kept his luggage packed, this man who had no fame.

And every 20 years or so, this rascal changed his name.

His parents came from Europe. They should be upon some list

of passengers to U.S.A., but somehow they got missed.

And no one else in this world is searching for this man.

So, I play genea-solitaire to find him if I can.

I'm told he's buried in a plot, with tombstone he was blessed;

but the weather took engraving, and some vandals took the rest.

He died before the county clerks decided to keep records.

No Family Bible has emerged, in spite of all my efforts.

To top it off this ancestor, who caused me many groans,

Just to give me one more pain, betrothed a girl named JONES.