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2023 Antique Show — Make a Match

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| 1. First Day of 2023 Antique Show | A 5,000 |
| 2. Number of vendors we hope to have in the show | B 95 |
| 3. Dollars we put in PSGS treasury from last year's show | C 10/14 |
| 4. Volunteers needed this year | D 40 |
| 5. Letters sent to potential dealers | E 50 |

Your committee has been hard at work to put on a successful show. The Antique Show provides most of the funding for all the programs and classes that we enjoy all year long

I'd like to draw your attention to #4 in the game. That's you! We depend on a great volunteer staff to put on this show. We will be gathering names soon, but you can let me know anytime if I can add your name.

Peg Powell, Antique Show Chair,
pegkinder@aol.com

Answers:

1C, 2D, 3A, 4E, 5B

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Presidential Ponderings

by Jean Yager

Not to sound like a broken record, but it's time to start thinking of PSGS Officers for 2024. I need someone to step up to the plate and volunteer to be on the Nominating Committee. According to the job description the President (that's me) appoints a Chairperson in July (that's this month). The Chairperson will select at least two members to serve on the committee. Together, they will identify names of those willing to serve as one of the following officers: President, 1st VP, 2nd VP, Treasurer, Secretary and Member-At-Large Representative. The committee will submit the names at the September General Membership meeting, and voting will take place at the October annual business meeting. It's that simple. So, if you want to make it easy on me, come forth and declare your intentions of wanting to be on the committee. I will be most appreciative! If you're interested in being an officer and want to know what's involved, check out the job description on the Members page of our website www.psgsociety.org.

We have been receiving donations of genealogical-related books. Any books that are duplicates or outdated for the Genealogy Center we are offering to the members for free. They will be available at the monthly general meeting. If there are any books left over, I will take pictures and send them out in an email blast to members. Any books claimed can be picked up in the Genealogy Center. If you have any genealogical-related (in good condition) books to donate, please contact me at psgsociety1301@gmail.com.



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Genealogy Center Report

by Elisabeth Demmon

The Genealogy Center has had 92 visitors as of 22 June 2023 since the last Backtracker was published in April. It has been a relatively busy quarter if the number of copies I have had to make of the various genealogy forms is any indication!

I am very grateful to all the GC volunteers who offer their time and their help to researchers. There may be quiet times, but you never know

who might pop in to look for their elusive ancestors!

Sincerely,

Elisabeth Demmon,

KRL Liaison to the PSGS

FAMILY HISTORY WRITING GROUP

Do you want to write your family history? Have you already started? Do you have ideas to share? Then join us on the 4th Tuesday of every month **in-person** at the Sylvan Way Branch Heninger Meeting Room to learn how to write your family story, receive positive feedback, and share ideas for writing projects.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, July 25 at 3:30 – 5:00 pm. If you would like to attend, please email the facilitator, Elisabeth Demmon at edemmon@krl.org so you can receive the monthly writing prompts to help develop your writing skills and a meeting reminder via email.

PSGS Needs You!



It is time to be thinking about serving as part of the leadership team for Puget Sound Genealogical Society in 2024. We will be looking for a chair for the Nominating Committee in July. Some of our amazing officers may wish to run again, and that would be wonderful, but all positions are open. Officers of PSGS include President, 1st Vice-President, 2nd Vice-President, Treasurer, and Sec-

retary. Descriptions of the duties for each of these positions are listed in the Member Handbook located on the members page of PSGS (www.psgsociety.org). Take a look and see what position speaks to you. Our new Nominating Committee will soon be hard at work. Elections will be held at our Annual Business Meeting, Wednesday, October 25, 2023.

PSGS ANCESTRY SIG

Do you want a place to discuss genealogy? Do you want help in finding new ideas for research? Do you want to share a great find you made that may help others? Then the PSGS Ancestry SIG is the place for you. Join us on the second Monday of each month in the Heninger Room at the Sylvan Way Library from 10:15am to 12:30pm. This is an in-person and hybrid group. Hope to see you there!

Next meeting is September 11.

BELFAIR CHAPTER

The Belfair Chapter meets on the third Thursday of each month in the Timberline Library in Belfair. Meetings begin at 10:30 am. You do not need to live in Belfair to come. All are welcome. Please join us.

RECENT QUESTION — TALKING TO YOUR ANCESTOR

Thank you to all of you who submitted your questions to an ancestor. I hope you enjoy these and they may have prompted you to think of ideas to add to your list of things you want to find out about your family.

We have a few more for the next issue from: Ruth Reinhart, Melody Knight, and Bobbi Klippert. If you sent in your questions and didn't see them printed in the last issue or this one, I apologize. Please send them to me and I will include them in the next issue.

A MYSTERY TO SOLVE

Lew Noah acquired a packet of letters at an auction several years ago. Unfortunately, he no longer has time to work on them. The letters contain correspondence between the Graves and Edwards family members. They are dated between 1830s and 1920s.

His interest was to connect and reunite them with a current family. Some may remember having done this before with a baby book and pictures, to a happy conclusion of reuniting these

items with descendants.

If anyone would like to try to look into this, it could be an interesting exercise in "Finding a Live One". Plus, perhaps the idea of helping a fellow genealogist connect with their antecedents appeals to you. It could also be an interesting idea to follow the mystery with notes in the Backtracker, hopefully to a happy reuniting.

Contact Lew at 740-503-5781, if you are interested in taking over the project.

If you could talk with an ancestor for 15 minutes....who would it be and what questions would you ask?



The question above was asked and our members came through with flying colors. These are the responses that didn't fit in last month's issue. Most of you agreed that we need more than 15

minutes.

You will see a couple of longer version responses that I am sure you will find interesting. I certainly did. Read on and enjoy!

Peg Powell said:

I think I would choose my father. First because he was such a character. If you got him going, he had lots of stories to tell. I have a DVD of him talking about his early days as a baseball umpire for the Homestead Grays, one of the teams in the Negro League.

But the burning question is one that got me interested in genealogy. He always said that we were related to Chief Joseph Brant (Mohawk chief). No one in our family that is still alive knows why he thought that. As far as I know, we never asked him. Why didn't we ask? So far, the claim hasn't been proven or disproven. A mystery to be solved...

Kathy Darling shared:

I'd like to spend 15 minutes with my 3X great grandmother, Eliza (Ketchum) Driggs, who crossed the plains in 1847 with her husband Jeremiah. They later took up 640 acres, granted by Congress to help populate Oregon Country, in what became Linn County, Oregon.

Questions to my ancestor: Once you reached your destination, did you remain close to any of the people with whom you shared the journey along the Oregon Trail? Did you have to discard any treasured family belongings from your wagon while traveling?

I love how wagons were called prairie schooners in the copy of an article I have about my 2X great grandparents, titled, "Living Pioneers of Washington", written June 22, 1919.

Bob Howard said:

I would like to know how my Great Grandfather, Jens Edvard Neilsen who, along with my great Grandmother, Grandmother and Aunt emigrated from Norway to Hawaii in 1883. My grandmother was less than a year old. The family story is that they sailed from Norway to England and then to the U.S. east coast then traveled to San Francisco by train, which was followed by another ship to Honolulu. I have not been able to find any documentation for any of this trip.

I do know, with documentation, how his brother Jens and family got to Hawaii a year earlier. They sailed from Norway around South America directly to Hawaii. That was a six month sea trip.

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Talking to an Ancestor

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Betty Burdyslaw shared:

I would love to talk to my mother's paternal grandmother. Her name was Margaret (Munro) Wall and 15 minutes would not be nearly enough time.

Maggie was born in either Scotland or Ontario, Canada in 1862 and is found in Aldsbrough, Elgin County,



Ontario in the 1871 Census living with an older family and is listed as an orphan. Was she an Orphan Train child? She and my great grandfather married around 1892 and had 13 children, 9 of whom reached adulthood. She moved herself and the rest of her children to Seattle around 1906 when her older sons moved there for work. Her husband and oldest daughter were left in Ontario.

My Great Grandfather moved out to Seattle sometime after 1910 but she divorced him in 1912 and married a fellow who was boarding in her home. Maggie was reportedly a member of the Wobblies (Worker's of the World) and I suspect a suffragette. She was one of the first citizens of Seattle to be killed in a car-pedestrian accident and the driver was never found although the newspaper stated that the police were searching for the culprit. She died April 15, 1914 and I have so many questions!

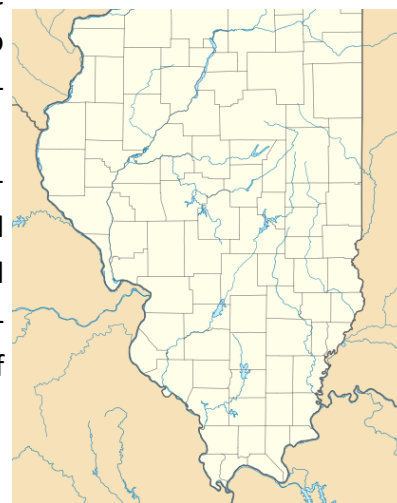
Kathy Cowsert said:

Extract from Slavery and Indenture Records

"May 16, 1838 LEWIS- a free man of colour, aged about 53 years, came into Pope County desiring to reside there. He and Thomas Cowsert entered a bond of \$1,000, insuring that Lewis would not be a burden to the people of Illinois. He was formerly the property of Mathew Caldwell of Gasconade County Missouri. Caldwell died and Lewis was purchased by some of the heirs of Caldwell for the purpose of setting him free. Thomas Cowsert, one of the heirs, was appointed to transport him into Pope County."

Which Thomas Cowsert (there are several alive at that time) went to get him and paid the bond? The equivalent now is about \$27,000. How well to do were the Cowsert's to put up such a bond? Surely Lewis the slave had no money.

I'd like to find out from my maternal Grandfather, Ollie Cowsert, if the elderly black man (hope now politically correct term and not offensive) that used to help in Grandpa's expansive garden was a relative of the slave, Lewis, freed in 1838. Wondered if the two families stayed in the same area (Southern Illinois) and stayed in touch over several generations? Was he a descendant of Lewis?



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Judy Rice shared:

Background: I would like to talk with my maternal great-great grandmother, Augusta Esther Radtke Gudeahn. She was born in 1865 in Germany and died in southeastern Connecticut in 1932. She is buried in the Maplewood Cemetery in Norwich, CT and shares a headstone with her husband William Gudeahn. Augusta immigrated to the United States in 1894 according to an immigration date on the U.S. Census 1910 for her daughter, Olga Gudeahn (b. July 1886), although the U.S. Census 1920 shows an immigration date of 1895 for Olga Gudeahn Schultz. Those dates would have made Augusta 29 or 30 years old when she immigrated to the U.S. The U.S. Census 1900 for Olga Gudeahn in the household of William Gudeahn shows an immigration year of 1889. Olga and William had four children by 1889, Olga (b. 1886), Frederick (b. 1887), Charles (b. 1888) and Theresa (b. 1889). Listed on the U.S. Census 1900 two more sons and a daughter were born in CT between 1892 and 1896.

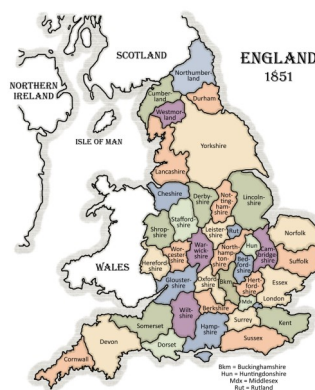
Questions: I would ask Augusta Esther Radtke Gudeahn where in Germany she was born, and whether she was born in a hospital or at home and did she live nearby to her maternal and paternal extended families? I



would ask how she met William Gudeahn, if she married William Gudeahn in Germany and at what age were they when they were married? I would ask what her parents' names were and were her parents also born in Germany and what did they do for jobs? I would be very interested in her stories of living in Germany, the decisions and the reasons for leaving Germany and from what specific port did the ship embark from and what was her voyage experience like? I would ask what port she came into the U.S. at and how did she end up in southeastern CT? Did Augusta and William and all four children (born from 1886 to 1889) travel together? I would ask if they were Lutherans or another protestant religion or perhaps Catholic?

Madge Norton said:

My great-great grandfather James Brashaw (spelling today) was born in England about 1835. I'd like to know where, when and who his parents were. I'd also like to know when he immigrated. The family story says they may have gone to Kentucky first. He's on the 1860 St. Clair IL census as James Brasier age 25, miner. He marries Mary Evins (note wrong spelling) in 1863 as James Preshau. That took awhile to figure out till I noticed the officials were all German immigrants. In the 1870 census he's James Brasier age 35, wife Mary, children with right names and unable to read or write. By 1880 James & wife have both disappeared and children are being raised by an aunt. In England you can find the name spelled Brayshaw, Bradshaw, Brasier, Brashaw and others.



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Melva Hill shared:

There are many interesting ancestors in my family that I would dearly love to have a discussion with. My first choice would be my maternal great grandmother Anna Emelia "Emma" Carlsdotter Johnson. Born in Sweden in 1876 and died in Omak, Washington in 1942. At age 7 she immigrated to the USA with her mother, sister and brother. Her father Carl had immigrated earlier in 1880. In 1897 she married George Spaulding in Michigan and resided in Minnesota until moving to South Dakota residence in the early 1900s.

If I was able to have a conversation with Emma I would have so many questions: How did you become known as Emma? What do you remember about the trip to America? How did you feel when you arrived in the US? Where did you meet George Spaulding? What was the location of the residences and farm in Wenatchee and Omak? Was the Rose Apple brand named after your youngest, Rose Caroline?



JeDene Reeder said:

Here are the questions I want to ask my ancestress Mary Ann née HUNTER, m. 1 John H. WINSHIP, m.2 Angus McKay, Sr.

I would like to talk with my ancestress Mary Ann (Hunter) Winship McKay. She came across the Oregon Trail with her family when she was fourteen. I would love to ask her about what it was like to leave her friends in 1854, and what it was like for her to be on the trail; her responsibilities, her thoughts on viewing new places, the hardships. Her older brother George wrote a memoir (Reminiscences of an Old-Timer) of his memories, but he left the train in Idaho to reduce the charge on his family's resources. So what were her thoughts about that last stage from Idaho to the upper Willamette Valley in Oregon? And then how and where did she meet her first husband, my great-great grandfather John H. Winship, who died leaving her a widow with two small children? With her second husband, Angus McKay, Sr, she had several children, four of whom died within 2 weeks of each other in December 1878. What did they die of?



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WHAT HAPPENED TO ME IN MARCH OF 2023

By Hazel E. Thornton

My Leise Family Tree has been on Ancestry for many years, yet this is the first time ever that I have been contacted by someone who thought they had something I may want. And they did. She asked me firstly if I ever had heard the names Frank O, Ruth and George and I said yes, they could be my Frank Oliver Leise, Ruth Leise and George Leise. Frank and Ruth were grandchildren of my second great grandfather, Benjamin Franklin Edmund Asbury Leise and his wife Thursey Lodema Stilson Leise. George was a son of Benajmin. So I explained this to the lady that had contacted me. She told me she used to live in the Sumner/Puyallup area and had picked up a photo album in a thrift store and she was pretty sure it was mine as evidently she had been checking my tree and also had seen similar pictures to the book she had.

She asked me if I wanted it, and I asked her how much she wanted for it. Turns out she wanted nothing, just to get it to someone in that family. I said okay, not knowing what the book was like or how many pictures, condition, etc. I spent the first week checking to make sure this wasn't a hoax, and then I called her. She said she would ship it, she was now living in Reno, and she wouldn't take anything for

postage either. At the time I didn't realize the whole package was 8 lbs. So two days later I had it and I was shocked. It was very heavy, very old and full of old photos of family members. So I started looking through it and I recognized a few because I already had some photos that looked similar.

Then I found my grandfathers picture at 4 months old that had been sent to his Uncle George, the one I mentioned earlier. Then I found a picture I had not seen before of my Great-Great Grandparents. I knew it was them since I had some charcoal drawings of them given to me by another family member. Also I had his Civil War Photo. This picture was taken in Hudson, South Dakota, why I don't know, because they lived in Winnebago, Minnesota. But the eyes are the same so I know it's them. Also, it had to have been taken before 1885 which is the year he died. My grandfather's picture was taken in April of 1894.

I am so thrilled with this album. This is the first time ever that someone offered something to me that pertained to my family and to have it be such a great find. Wonder why someone in the family gave it to a thrift shop? So below I will add some pictures so you can see what it looks like.



This is a picture of the cover. Note the ornate clasp. See page 10 for two pictures of people inside.



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WHAT HAPPENED TO ME IN MARCH OF 2023

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My Grandfather at 4 months old



Dad's Grampa & Gramma, My Great

Talking to an Ancestor

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Sharon Hornback shared:

The ancestor I would like to speak with is my 2nd great grandfather, Norman Smith. As you can tell by his name, I am never sure if I am really researching the correct Smith. There are one or two Norman Smiths that I have found during my research. I believe Norman came from Scotland to Quebec around 1841. What would I ask him?



I would start with the following: Were you truly born in 1820? Who were your parents? Your wife? Were you really from Barvas, Ross and Cromontry, Isle of Lewis, Scotland in the Hebrides? Why did you leave for Canada to become a farmer? How long did the trip take you and what was it like on the ship? What did you find in Quebec when you arrived? How did you meet your wife?

I believe I have exceeded my 15 minutes, especially if there are responses to my questions.



Looking Forward...

to the next three months of programs presented by PSGS

July 26, 2023

Webinar: Shahar Tenenbaum: Identifying Common Ancestors with DNA.

One of the most important keys to making breakthroughs in genetic genealogy is determining which ancestors you have in common with your DNA Matches. Discover the tools MyHeritage offers that can help you do this and learn how to make the most of them.

August 23, 2023

Steven Morrison: Fact Checking Your Family Traditions

Some families are lucky, they have family lore. But is this story true? With new online collections we can now double check to see how it holds up to the light of some original records. Only then will we know if it's a keeper or just fools' gold. A case study of colonial Virginia entrepreneur Isaac Perkins/Parkins.

September 27, 2023 Winona Laird: Immigrating, Emigration, Naturalization and Passports

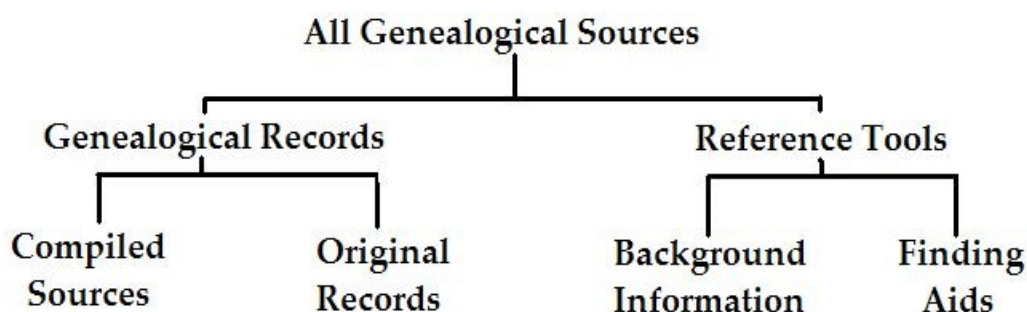
You want to research your ancestor in Germany, Ireland or France? First you'll need to find when and where they came to the US. Ports of Immigration lined the entire US coast line. Use an emigrant record for genealogy research. Learn the naturalization process. What information is on the Passport Application?

Military and Land Records.

Learn about compiled military service records, official military service records, bounty land warrants and military pension files.

Schedule of Classes — July—Sep 2023

Saturday classes for July through September of 2023 have not been scheduled yet. When classes are set, Jean Yager will be sending out an email blast to let you know the detailed information. You can also check the PSGS website or Facebook page for updates.



Hi Grandpa, To John H. Hipkins

By Don Westfall

Don chose an interesting way to ask his ancestor questions. I enjoyed his letter, hope you do too.

Hi Grandpa
to John H. Hipkins
19 March 2023:

We haven't met but I have been researching your life and thinking about your times. My name is Donald Westfall and I am your GGGgrandson; my Ggrandmother was your youngest daughter, Adelaide.

I would like to ask you a few questions to learn more about your life. I know you were born 3 June 1825 in Baltimore, Maryland. The 1830 US Census reports a Hipkins family headed by Samuel Hipkins; that family had a child your age. I cannot confirm that is your family because that census did not name all family members, nor can I find other sources to confirm Samuel was your father.

I think one member of your family was a member of the military, which inspired you to chance a career in the military. You enlisted 8 June 1846 in E company: Watson's Battalion, Maryland and DC Infantry. You were 21. Captain John R. Kenly was recruiter and remained your officer for the duration of the war. He wrote a book after the war of your company's experience called "Memoirs of a Maryland Volunteer War with Mexico in the years 1846-7-8". He recorded your enlistment and was proud of his "E" Company for the duration of the conflict. I read his book and I am also proud of your company and admire the strength and stamina shown in defeating an enemy of our Country.

From Monterrey to Tampico, then across the interior and to the battle for Mexico City, your

Battalion and other companies overcame all obstacles. The peace was won in Mexico City; you were mustered out 30 May 1847 and returned home.

I am a veteran and remember feeling different when I returned home after my overseas assignment in a place called Viet-Nam. I returned home on Feb 29 to find home had not changed; I had changed. Was your experience at all like mine? I remember leap day fondly now.

The 1850 US census shows you back in Baltimore and your status is manager of the "Western Land & Town Company". This job took you to Iowa, and first to Dubuque.

Aquilla and Charlotte Ricketts and family (7 children) were travelling west from Baltimore also. In August 1844, Charlotte Ricketts was home preparing dinner for the family; a neighbor woman tried to poison the family with a compound "oppermint" used for paint production. There was a trial and much newspaper notoriety to live through. In 1846, the family finally decided to "move west". In 1850, while crossing Indiana, Aquilla took sick and died in LaPorte County. But you were able to find and rescue the family when Aquilla died suddenly. Did you know this Ricketts family from Baltimore? They were a frequent topic in the Baltimore "Sun" from the poisoning case. Center, LaPort County is about 250 miles to Dubuque on today's modern roads, you found a family in distress and responded to help.

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Hi Grandpa

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It looks like Mary Virginia Ricketts caught your eye; she was about 16 and became your wife in Dubuque March 11, 1853. After your marriage, you and Mary Virginia Hipkins made your home in Northwestern Iowa. The 1857 Iowa census shows you in Brand, new Plymouth County. "Northwestern Iowa, its history and traditions" refers to your participation in Plymouth and Woodbury Counties establishment. Your Mother-in-law Charlotte came along, and she was able to help with the other children.

You chose to reenlist in military service to help in the Civil War. You first enlisted in 7th Iowa Cavalry which was merged into K company, 7th Cavalry under General George Armstrong Custer after the Civil War ended. A Cavalry Company was different

from the Infantry job you had in Mexico.

Horseback must have been much different compared to



marching over many terrains and under all weather conditions. It's still difficult to be a soldier, the ride helps.

The 1855 Iowa census showed your neighbor, Jeremiah Williams, was a shoemaker. From that time, you referred to yourself as a shoemaker. It looks like you had to travel to deliver the shoes. I admire the way you were able to use your knowledge and resourcefulness to create your civilian job. A Cavalry trooper certainly knows leather and how to use it. You now had nieces, nephews and 4 growing children; they all needed shoes, so

you made a way to fill those needs. You knew how valuable shoes were after your military experience in Mexico!

I am dazzled to see the miles you travelled in 1870. Your enlistment was fulfilled on 2 June 1870; you travelled to Colfax, Louisiana for paperwork, (the army likes paperwork, I know). After being released from duty, you reenlisted for another 5 years back to K Company, 7th Cavalry. In the 1870 US census you were entered 4 times.

1st 2 Jun 1870: Denison, Iowa in a very crowded hotel; occupation shoemaker. Denison, Iowa was named for the local land agent, Jesse Denison.

2nd 30 Jun 1870: Fort Leavenworth Reservation, Kansas.

3rd 11 Jul 1870 you were deployed to Smoky, Trego, Kansas to secure the Butterfield Overland Dispatch station from Indian problems.

4th 28 Jul 1870 found you in Des Moines, Polk Iowa. The census shows >40 young men in a Boarding House, I bet your unit was still on deployment.

Your wife, Mary, died from Pulmonary Consumption on 20 Oct 1870; the family was living in Sioux City, Iowa then. Charlotte was head of household; she had stayed to help raise your 5 kids. Your youngest daughter, Adelaid, my GGrandmother, went to live with the PD Mickel family who lived with their daughter and son-in-law in nearby Missouri Valley, Iowa. Philip Mickel was an attorney; he liked to assist newly founded towns and helped local groups to develop the town's founding documents. He was helping Breckenridge, Colorado with their town development records and reunited with his family in Spokane Falls, Washington Territory 1885.

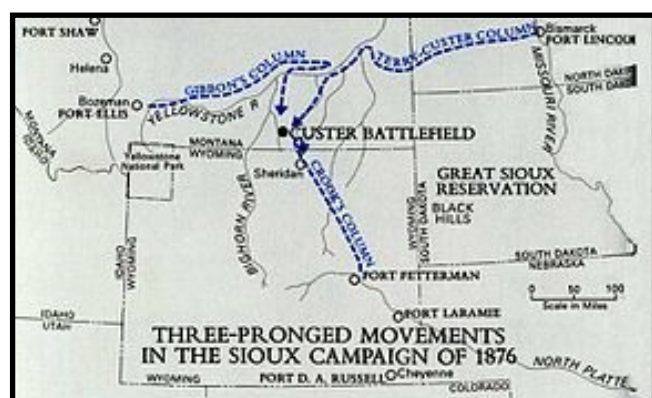
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Hi Grandpa

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June 15, 1875, you travelled to Ft. Ripley, Minnesota to reenlist. I'm thinking maybe you thought age 49 was a bit old to be an active cavalry trooper. I noticed you reenlisted to Rock Island Arsenal in Illinois and were assigned to Ordinance Detachment at Fort D A Russell in Wyoming Territory. In 1875, your duty station was now Wyoming Terr.; Mary had passed away, your children and niece and nephew were living in Sioux City, Iowa with your mother-law. You now have more saddle time than before.

But you know it was a GREAT move to leave the 7th Cavalry in 1875. In June 1876 General Custer lost his command in Little Big Horn, Montana.



You married Sarah Seeley in July 1877. The 1880 Census shows you and Sarah in Ft. D A Russell, Wyoming. Sarah died in 1888. Nov. 5, 1888, your oldest daughter, Emma, assisted your admission to the old soldiers home in Hampton, Virginia with chronic rheumatism. I suspect you requested to be moved out west because in 1898, you were transferred to the Old Soldiers Home in Leavenworth, Kansas.

Your record from Old Soldiers Home shows date of death, Aug 25, 1903. The death date on your tombstone shows Feb 2, 1903; this 2nd date was recorded because it was the last date recorded on the last line of your record book. The last

line of the record book was the cause of death, not date of death, Army records will fool anybody. You died from senile dementia, which was diagnosed on Feb 2, 1903.

I wonder how many miles you travelled. I count at least 15 states. Trains were becoming available but were they reliable? The Memoirs book talks about the boat ride to Texas when your company assembled before the Mexican assault. How many miles did you travel by horseback? How many miles did you travel by walking? Both methods considered; you had lots of exercise.

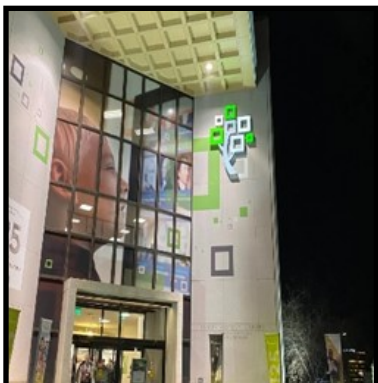
It seems to me you found information quickly in your times. The telephone arrived for many people in early 1880s, but you were able to learn and locate the Ricketts family quickly after Aquilla died in Indiana. I guess it was your ability to travel quickly and locate newspapers in rural Iowa.

Your daughters Emma, Virginia, Mary and Adelaide lived long lives. You have a total of 13 grandchildren. They scattered from Washington State to Indiana, like most families. Your son, Leroy, and Adelaide both became wheelchair bound. I talked with my great Aunt about Adelaide; she remembered Adelaide as being remote and distracted from constant arthritis pain. Adelaide had help with her movements but was not active.

My Grandfather, Elbert, Adelaide's son, served in the 1st world war; my dad, Wallace served in the 2nd world war, so we followed your lead to protect and serve our great country.

Thank you for your legacy of hard work and protecting our country.

2024 PSGS Salt Lake City FamilySearch Library Trip



Are you new to genealogy and need assistance with how to begin your research? Have you successfully started your family tree but now you have reached a brick wall?

Or do you need access to genealogy records you can't access from home? If any of these descriptions fit the current status of your family research, why not consider joining a group of fellow PSGS members for our upcoming annual research trip to Salt Lake City to visit the FamilySearch Library. Trip dates are March 3 – 9, 2024, and you can join us for the full week or only those days that fit your schedule. Your family and friends are invited to join us also.

The FamilySearch Library contains the largest collection of genealogical materials in the world. The collection includes books, periodicals, maps, pedigree charts, CD-ROMS, microfilms and microfiche. The Discovery Center, located on the first floor, is a family-friendly area that provides an interactive way for you to discover more about yourself, your family heritage, and famous ancestors. The volunteer staff in the Center are welcoming and very dedicated to helping you use and understand all the interactive technology available to you as you explore your family history.

Temple Square is currently undergoing major renovations to replace the Temple's outdated systems and seismic/foundation upgrades. Recent news bulletins forecast completion in 2026. Due to the ongoing construction, many parts of the Square are not accessible. For information on

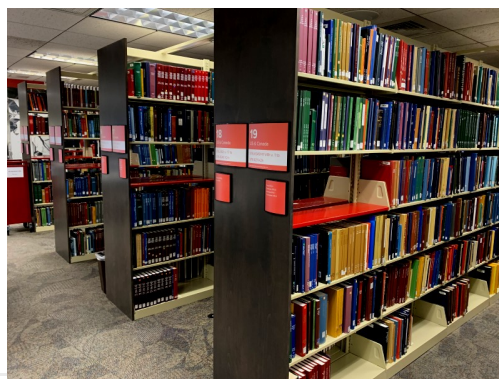
planning your visit to Temple Square -- when you take a break from your research to stretch your legs and focus your eyes on something other than the computer screen or microfiche -- visit the website: <https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/feature/temple-square?lang=eng>

Our accommodations are located right next door at the Salt Lake Plaza Hotel at Temple Square. Special group rates are available at \$100 plus taxes for a standard room and \$110 plus taxes for a deluxe room. To make reservations please contact Richard Williams, Director of Sales & Marketing, at (801)606-2410. Please mention our Reservation Group Code "Puget Sound" when making reservations. Rooms and rates are held for our group until February 2, 2024. For more information on the hotel check out their website at: <https://plaza-hotel.com>

Please be prepared to provide your credit card information to guarantee reservations. Once your reservations have been made, please notify Diane Howell Evans of your travel arrangements and arrival/departure dates and times so a group travel list can be created, and she can ensure your safe arrival.

Diane can be contacted by phone at (360)900-8681 or by e-mail at DEvansAVA@aol.com.

So come join us for a remarkable journey!



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How do you prepare for a trip like this? Here are a few tips to help you hit the ground running!

First of all, check the FamilySearch Library webpage for great suggestions to make your visit successful:

<https://www.familysearch.org/en/library/visit>

Note the new Family Memories Preservation Center on the 2nd Floor is now available for you to scan photos, documents and certificates; convert home movies to digital format; scan slides and negatives into digital format; or transfer audio cassette tapes to MP3 files. You might need a few USB flash drives or a portable hard drive. Check out the recommendations at the above website.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

You are needed in the Genealogy Center. Shifts are four hours per day Monday through Saturday. When there are no patrons in the GC, you have time to work on your own genealogy with the library free resources of Ancestry, Fold 3, and Affiliate Library Records for Family Search.

Each volunteer goes through a training process. If you are interested, please contact Sharon Hornback at sharonhornback@comcast.net

Thank you for helping.



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