



# GENIE BYTES

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Grand Strand Genealogy Club

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## Message from our Editors

### Bonnie Kishpaugh

Editor, Genie Bytes, GSGC Board

### Christine Davis

Assistant Editor, Genie Bytes; Programs, GSGC Board

The Grand Strand Genealogy Club is on the move in 2020 planning a webinar, TWO field trips and a host of informative monthly programs designed to help with your family history research. Let us know your needs and/or suggestions and remember to share how you are doing with your problem ancestor. We are here to inform and share! ♦

## Message from our President

### Darla Williams

President, GSGC Board

One of the great things about our Club is the willingness of our members to help each other. We all share the same enthusiasm when it comes to finding an elusive ancestor. Come to our meetings, share your stories and become an active member of our group. We will be nominating a new Board in October and we'd love to see some new faces and ideas brought forward to enhance our Club even more. With the library closed, why not visit our website/Facebook page, read magazines, visit websites/blogs, download forms, formulate a plan, interview a relative(s), write a book on an ancestor(s) or organize your research. Stay safe and stay in touch! ♦

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## Problem Ancestor – Solved!

### Phyllis Hughes, Anne Laymon and Marie Peacock

**Phyllis:** My problem ancestor question was: "Is Patrick Clemons of Williamsburg County, SC the same person who changed his name from Patrick Browder in 1852?" An analysis of the name change document and census records indicated both Patricks' shared the same neighbors before and after the name change; thereby, concluding both Patrick Clemons and Patrick Browder were the same person. When working on a problem ancestor - research using the **FAN** (*Friends and Neighbors*) approach - it works! ♦

**Anne:** My problem ancestor hunt started with a relative who was born in SC in 1860 and died in NJ in 1907. My goal was to find the family before 1860. My search led me to North and South Carolina including a trip to the UNC-Wilmington library to find a book on deed abstracts. I also used *FamilySearch.org*, *Find-A-Grave* and *Fold3* for Civil War records. I learned that **brick and mortar research** and **Googling** everything and anything can turn up amazing unexpected results! ♦

**Marie:** My problem ancestor was a great grandfather born in Washington DC who married in Philadelphia and then disappeared. I found a newspaper article about his death at a race track in PA which led to the fact he had not only moved to Baltimore, MD but had also remarried. Using *Ancestry* and *Family Search* I tracked his family back two generations, but it was the **newspaper** article that helped me break my brick wall! ♦

Are you a newcomer to genealogy, have a problem organizing your research or a brick wall you just can't break through? Then sign up for mentoring.

We have members willing to help! You need only complete a Mentoring form found on our website. Scan/e-mail form to the Club or bring it to a meeting.

If you have an expertise in any State, become a mentor. See **Sandie Houston** to be put on the mentor list. ♦

## Reasonably Exhaustive Research

**Cheri Passey**, Programs, GSGC Board  
(Source: Carolina Girl Genealogy, LLC,  
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You've read about it. Know it's part of the Genealogical Proof Standard but do you understand what it means? Reasonably Exhaustive research means we look for all the information that would help to answer a specific genealogy question. Once you know exactly who or what you are looking for, you can brainstorm what type of records may contain the answer and where you may find them. Then you need to begin looking for the documents on your list to see what they can tell you about your question.

For instance, you may have the question "Who were the parents of "John Doe" who was born in "Some Year" in "Some Country, Some State, Some County." What types of records may give you the answer? Make a list. It may contain birth/death certificate, obituary, church, census, Bible, or probate records. Then list where you could find them and make a plan to begin researching. Reasonably Exhaustive Research means locating ALL records that may be available that may shed light on your research question. Why? Records of any one kind may be incorrect. A wide variety of documents can help ensure you have the most correct information. When do you know you've done enough? When you have found as much as possible to help answer your question. There is no magic number of documents needed to come to a conclusion.

Making sure you have exhausted all the possibilities will give you confidence in your answers and help you move up your family tree. It is the first step in the Genealogical Proof Standard, meant to help you produce the most reliable results you can by collecting everything available to answer your research question. Helping you climb your family tree. ♦

## Featured Websites

Take advantage of live-streamed genealogy conference sessions, such as those from RootsTech at <https://www.rootstech.org/video-archive> ♦

Search disasters in the U.S. and Canada at [www.gendisasters.com](http://www.gendisasters.com) Register for free account. ♦

## Featured Books

*The Census Book: Facts, Schedules & Worksheets for the U.S. Federal Censuses* by William Dollarhide ♦

*Substitutes for The Lost 1890 U.S. Federal Census* by William Dollarhide ♦

*History of a Family Tree: A Simplified Guide to Writing and Publishing Your Ancestors' Stories* by Cora Lee Palma (Price for GSGC members at meetings is \$10) ♦

## Cemeteries

### Susan Perhala

Office Depot Rewards, GSGC Board

So...you're going to a cemetery to photograph a stone? Go prepared.

- a) Charge up that camera or cell phone.
- b) Photograph cemetery signage, any buildings on the property and any nearby street signs.
- c) Get wide shot of burial stone with all nearby stones.
- d) Photograph entire stone. Make notes on the location of the stone.
- e) Be sure your hand, finger, camera strap, foot, grass, leaves, flowers are not obstructing a clear photo of stone. Pay attention to sun/shadows. Try to photograph without getting your reflection on stone.
- f) Share photos by posting them onto public sites like [Findagrave.com](http://Findagrave.com). You may have photographed a tombstone no one knew existed! ♦

## Colonial Times

### Christine Davis

Assistant Editor, Genie Bytes; Programs, GSGC Board

(Adapted from *Hunterdon Historical Newsletter*, Vol. 4, No 1, Spring 1968, p. 3-4)

**Primitive homes** in the early 1700's were simple log cabins 20' square with a tiny window in the front and back, a thatched roof, dirt floors and a clay mortar fireplace. By 1800, cabins and windows were larger, some had lofts and doors with wooden hinges and wooden/rope latches. Roofs were shingled and logs covered with boards and mortar were stuffed between logs to keep out the weather. Floors were logs with the split side up, and rooms were sectioned off with rope and curtains. In the mid 1800's larger homes of stone and logs were built with a 2nd floor, more windows and fireplaces. It was within these crude dwellings that our country raised a generation of patriots and loyalists who survived historic storms, events and wars. ♦

## Did You Know?

Ninety percent of the real family history treasures and records are NOT found online. They reside in local, state libraries and archives, and in church and courthouse files. Formulate a research plan, locate where original records are stored and plan a trip! ♦

The DAR awards scholarships to students. Information at [www.dar.org/national-society/scholarships](http://www.dar.org/national-society/scholarships) ♦

## State Guides

A State Guide provides information on state, county, and local resources. It tells you where to *write or visit* in order to find: Vital, Census, Military, Naturalization, Probate, Court, Tax, Cemetery and Church records. They list state and local newspapers, books/periodicals, libraries, museums, societies, organizations and archives. They offer maps, historical and vital statistics describing state regions over time. Many also provide history and resources about local Native and African Americans. Check them out!! ♦

### New York

(Source: State Guide New York by Beidler, J.M. Originally published in the Dec 2019/Vol.20, Issue 7, P. 33 of *Family Tree Magazine*)

Statehood: 1788

First Federal Census: 1790

Statewide Birth & Death Records Begin: 1880

Statewide Marriage Records Begin: 1880

State-Land State

Counties: 62

Contact for Vital Records:

New York State Department of Health Vital Records  
Section, Empire State Plaza, Albany, NY 12237,  
(518) 474-3018

[www.health.state.ny.us/vital\\_records/genealogy.htm](http://www.health.state.ny.us/vital_records/genealogy.htm) ♦

### North Dakota

(Source: State Guide North Dakota by Fryxell, D.A. Originally published in the Dec 2019/Vol.20, Issue 7, P.37 of *Family Tree Magazine*)

Statehood: 1889

First Federal Census: 1900

Statewide Birth & Death Records Begin: 1893

Statewide Marriage Records Begin: 1925

Public-Land State

Counties: 53

Contact for Vital Records:

Division of Vital Records, 600 E. Boulevard Ave.,  
Dept. 301, Bismarck, ND 58505, (701) 328-2360

[www.ndhealth.gov/vital](http://www.ndhealth.gov/vital) ♦

## Medical Terms

(Adapted from: Jerger, Dr. J.L. *A Medical Miscellany for Genealogists*. Bowie MD: Heritage Books, 1995)

Apoplexy - stroke/fit resulting in paralysis

Bright's Disease - Kidney disease

Consumption - Tuberculosis

Dropsy/Edema - Congestive Heart failure/Inflammation

Gout/Podagra - inflammation of joints

Grippe - flu

Mania - insanity

Neuralgia - throbbing nerve pain

Palsy - paralysis

Phlegmasia/Phlogosis - severe inflammation

Pyemia/Septicemia - blood poisoning

Summer Complaint - Dysentery/Diarrhea from spoiled milk ♦

## My Sister's DNA is Different from Mine Despite Having the Same Parents - Why?

### Phyllis Hughes

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President & Webmaster, GSGC Board

It's not uncommon for siblings with the same parents to have different ethnic DNA percentages. Each parent passes 50 percent of their DNA to you, but the subset of DNA that is passed to you could be different from your siblings. Ethnicity results can be different from sibling to sibling because we each inherit unique combinations of DNA from our parents.

DNA is passed down randomly rather than in a single block so unless children are identical twins, every child in the family does not receive the same 50% from mom and the same 50% from dad. For example, siblings may have Cherokee in their ancestral heritage but one child may have Cherokee DNA passed to them, and other children with the same parents do not. ♦

## Dear Miss Genie

Thomas Hayes/wife, Mary Quirk, in 1855 NY State Census but nowhere else. Where do I go from here?

**Answer:** Try City Directories with occupation(s), look for Mary Quirk under her maiden name. You may find her siblings. Also, try looking for their children and don't forget their friends, neighbors or other relatives. Maybe they went back across the pond and re-entered later to another place. Why not submit a Problem Ancestor form to Sandie Houston for a mentor to help? ♦

## Ready for a Road Trip?

### Dick Temple

Secretary, GSGC Board

The 2020 South Carolina Genealogical Society's 48<sup>th</sup> Annual Summer Workshop is being held in Columbia, SC July 10-11th. Carpool transportation is being organized by the Club and we're planning to stay at the host hotel. The Hampton Inn rate is \$99 nightly plus tax. Reservations can be made by calling 803-865-8000 and requesting the South Carolina Genealogical Society group rate. This workshop provides information about numerous genealogy subjects and not specifically about South Carolina. Featured speakers are Mark Lowe, Diahann Southard, and Kathrine Bolt Borges (ISOGG). Additional information at [www.scgen.org/workshop](http://www.scgen.org/workshop) ♦

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### GSGC MONTHLY MEETINGS

PLACE: CHAPIN MEMORIAL LIBRARY

TIME: 10 AM

Presentations:

- April 11th: Live Webinar: Researching Genealogy the Frugal Way - Getting the Most for Your Genealogy Buck – Lisa Lisson
- May 9th: Researching in Digital Libraries – Julie Warren
- June 13th: Family Search.org – Robin Foster

### SOUTH CAROLINA GRAND STRAND GENEALOGY CLUB (SCGSGC)

#### OFFICERS:

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### MIDWEST AFRICAN AMERICAN GENEALOGY INSTITUTE

PLACE: ALLEN COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY, FT. WAYNE, IN

DATE: JULY 7 - 9, 2020

Attendees learn, research & gain the tools needed to become a stellar genealogist & family history researcher.

### FAMILY SEARCH FAMILY HISTORY & GENEALOGY EXPO

PLACE: UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA CAMPUS, ATHENS, GA

DATE: JULY 25, 2020

Informative fun-filled day of presentations, visiting vendor & society booths, exploring resources & asking questions.

### INSTITUTE OF GENEALOGY & HISTORICAL RESEARCH (IGHR)

PLACE: UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA CAMPUS, ATHENS, GA

DATE: JULY 26 - 31, 2020

Educational forum for the discovery, critical evaluation & use of genealogical sources & methodology of intensive study.

### JULY 2020 SALT LAKE CITY RESEARCH TRIP

PLACE: FAMILY HISTORY LIBRARY, SALT LAKE CITY, UT

DATE: JULY 27 – AUGUST 1, 2020

Largest library of its kind w/staggering worldwide collection of records & help by Ancestor Seekers consultants.

### CELTIC CONNECTIONS CONFERENCE

PLACE: WESTIN CHICAGO NORTH SHORE HOTEL

DATE: JULY 30 – AUGUST 1, 2020

Featuring genealogy experts from Ireland, Scotland, Wales and the United States.

\*\*CHECK WEBSITES FOR MEETING DETAILS, STATUS AND POSSIBLE CANCELLATIONS\*\*

### MEETINGS

2nd Saturday of each Month 10:00 AM at:

Chapin Library (*FamilySearch* Affiliate Library)

400 14th Avenue North

Myrtle Beach, SC 29577

**E-mail** - [genieclub2002@gmail.com](mailto:genieclub2002@gmail.com)

**Website** - [www.scgsgc.org](http://www.scgsgc.org)

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