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Message from the Editors

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We have some exciting stories in this issue and the baffling Miss Genie Puzzler answer.

Start thinking about your Problem Ancestor for September's meeting and volunteering for the open Board positions.

COVID threw GSGC's annual application process into disarray. Applications of the zealous were accepted in the waning months of '21 for '22. Applications of laggards? Well, if they applied shortly after '23 began, they were forgiven for forgetting '22.

COVID is now chronic—not catastrophic. It's back to business as usual. Members, you must renew your application each calendar year. **In the future, renew in January/February. This year, please renew ASAP!** ♦

Featured Book

Over My Dead Body: Unearthing the Hidden History of America's Cemeteries—2022 by Greg Melville--This history of U.S. cemeteries visits 18 locales including Concord, MA, Jamestown, and Arlington, VA. Topics include the cemeteries' origins and interesting back stories and insights about those buried therein. ♦

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Introducing Membership Registrar Pat Bernschein

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Pat Bernschein is GSGC's new Membership Registrar. Blessed with a father who was "a great talker" with many family stories to share and a dearth of cousins who were willing to fill in the facts, Pat's been doing the research herself for the past 30 years. Meanwhile, Pat's own story includes one husband to whom she's been married for 53 years, two children, and two grandchildren. It also includes a nursing career during which she served as both staff and administrator. Finally, Pat put all that practical experience to good use as a clinical educator for a medical device company. Pat has a lot to smile about—and she does! ♦

Miss Genie Puzzler

Guess we stumped our members since no answers to February's puzzler were received. According to Wiktionary, the two nephews-in-law are related to the head of the household in the 1920 Census as follows:

1. Someone's niece's husband
2. Someone's nephew's husband (where same-sex marriage is recognized)
 1. Someone's sibling's son-in-law
 1. Someone's brother's son-in-law. (fraternal nephew-in-law)
 2. Someone's sister's son-in-law. (sororal nephew-in-law)
 2. Someone's spouse's sibling's son-in-law
 1. Someone's wife's brother's son-in-law.
 2. Someone's wife's sister's son-in-law.
 3. Someone's husband's brother's son-in-law.
 4. Someone's husband's sister's son-in-law.
3. (rare) Someone's spouse's nephew.
 1. Someone's husband's nephew. (Usually called a nephew.)
 2. Someone's wife's nephew. (Usually called a nephew.) ♦

A Seer, a Faith Healer, and a Magician cum Fortune Teller

April Havens

Member, GSGC

My 12-year-old granddaughter asked for a crystal ball and some healing crystals for Christmas this year. Why, I wondered, would she want these things? Then it occurred to me that maybe, just maybe, she would be the latest of her paternal line to possess some sort of “psychic power.” I indulged her request. I also told her the stories about her ancestors and their perceived powers that appear in this and subsequent issues of *Genie Bytes*.

Part 1: A Seer

Seer is defined “as one that practices divination especially by concentrating on a glass or crystal globe.”¹

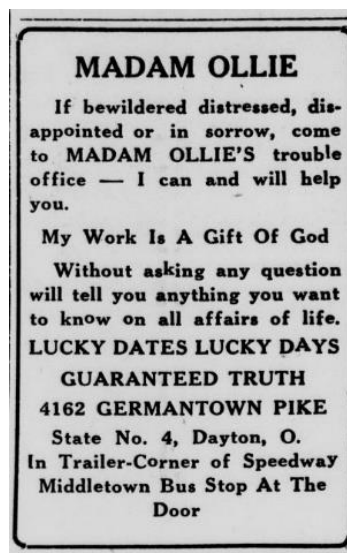
My husband has a “seer” on his side of the family. Great Aunt Jane Baird Paterson, a single woman of 31, emigrated from Scotland and arrived in New York on 21 Oct 1912. By 14 Feb 1914, she met and married Giuseppe Carnesecchi, a liquor broker. They resided in Detroit, Michigan. Years later, the 1940 Census records them as residents of Ward 20, Cleveland City, Cuyahoga County, Ohio.



Giuseppe, who failed as a broker, bought a boarding house. There, according to Jane, he segued into the role of house-sitting “gentleman” while describing Jane as a “servant.”

When Giuseppe passed in 1949, Jane disposed of their house and furniture at a loss and moved to a room in a boarding house across the street. What was she to do?

After reviewing several Cleveland, Ohio, newspapers, I learned that the area was awash in the 1940-1950s with Madame Ollies, fortune tellers, and the like eager to take one’s money.² Well,...Jane, with no proven talent, decided to join their ranks. (See promotional ad below.)



We have multiple letters from Aunt Jane in which she describes her life. She often talks of selling her belongings to pay for rent and food. She also discusses multiple medical issues. In one letter she writes: “I sold my christle ball never did get any results also astrological books. Thought I try cards, fortunes. But my loss of memory makes it hard. Any suggestions?”³

Jane writes of her two sisters: “You [Marion] and Lily are so lucky Husbands to support you. Had better stop now, and so blue. Hope I find something a year without any income. Oh well. Sorry to bother you.”⁴

If this would-be “seer” could have foreseen her own future, she would have been horrified. Jane’s future held violent flares of temper and equally violent headaches, the theft of her purse with all of her personal papers and money, and reliance on welfare.

All this tragedy culminated in Jane Carnesecchi’s admission to a state mental hospital where, at the age of 77, she died on 16 Oct 1958. To be continued... ♦

¹ <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/seer>.

² Chronicing America, The Ohio Daily-Express. (Dayton, Ohio) 1946-1950, September 15, 1950, Image 4.

³ Havens Research Files. Privately held by April Havens. Dameron, Maryland.

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Thomas Munley and the Molly Maguires

Nancy Engle

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Part I: Molly Maguires vs. Mining Management

When I was a child, my parents told me stories about my ancestors. One story, in particular, piqued my interest. It focused on my maternal grandmother's extended family and their connection to the Molly Maguires. Over the years, close and distant relatives also mentioned our family's connection to the Maguires. Eventually, as part of my genealogical research, I decided to investigate the Molly Maguires and their relationship, if any, to my family.

My maternal grandmother's family emigrated from County Mayo, Ireland, and settled in the anthracite coal region of upstate Pennsylvania, where they became miners. According to a Department of the Interior, Bureau of Mines report for this region, 1,308 miners were killed from 1875-1880. The men worked an average of 200 days per year. From the years 1870-1913, the Pennsylvania anthracite mines employed 117,851 workers, with an average of 402.64 killed per year. These figures do not reflect the number of injuries. The frequency of deaths alone attests to the dangerous working conditions.

The mine owners paid the workers with chits, or vouchers, which were only redeemable for goods in company stores at overinflated prices and for expensive company housing. Ill-used, the miners attempted to unionize. The mine owners and railroad executives blocked their efforts through threats, job loss, physical intimidation, eviction from their homes, and sometimes ill-gotten death.

In 1868, the miners successfully formed the Workingmen's Benevolent Association (WBA) and in 1869 they went on strike from 5 May until 16 Jun. Their actions gained some concessions, but in January of 1875, Franklin B. Gowan forced a six-month strike, destroying the WBA.

Franklin B. Gowen, district attorney and president of the Philadelphia and Reading RR, was a powerful industrialist. He believed a secret society, the Molly Maguires, was responsible for crimes in the anthracite region *that* went unpunished because suspects, when arrested, produced alibis. According to Gowan, the

Mollies' terrorization of the coal mining region had to be stopped. He was the one to do it. Gowan was very vocal in blaming Mollies for assaults, murders, and other crimes against mine bosses and owners. As a result, newspapers picked up on his rhetoric and printed stories of murder and mayhem at the hands of the Mollies. Gowan's rhetoric and the newspapers' articles caused anger and outrage, fueling hatred and mistrust.

According to Gowan and news reports, the Molly Maguires used the Irish Catholic fraternal organization of the Ancient Order of Hibernians (AOH) as their cover for illegal activities. The AOH denied affiliation with the Mollies, but that didn't stop the accusations.

As time passed, the rhetoric and abuse against the Mollies grew louder and protests became more violent. They fueled the murders of mine superintendents as well as those of a policeman, mine boss, mine owner, foreman, and watchman. In response to government pressure, Gowen hired the Pinkerton Detective Agency, a private police force, to halt unionization. Pinkerton detective James McParlan infiltrated the Hibernians using the alias of James McKenna and quickly rose through the ranks becoming a trusted associate of the Mollies.

One of my mother's distant cousins, Thomas Munley, was a Molly Maguire. Thomas was born about 1845 in Tullaghan, Mayo, Ireland from which he emigrated in about 1865. Reports indicate he went to Stockbridge, MA, to stay with his father's family and then moved to Gilberton, Schuylkill County, PA, where he lived with his parents and siblings. Thomas married Mary Francis McAndrew, his neighbor, in 1870. They had three children: Thomas, Anna, and Elizabeth.

Like most Irishmen who immigrated to Schuylkill County, PA, Thomas became a coal miner. It was the only available occupation. Most *help wanted* ads at that time included the statement "No Irish Need Apply," which forced immigrants into the mines. Reports indicate that Thomas worked at the Draper Colliery.

Labor unrest spread after Gowen forced a railroad strike in 1871. When the legislature called Gowen to defend his actions on behalf of the Philadelphia and Reading RR during the strike, he claimed the Workingmen's Benevolent Association was run by criminals. He focused blame on the Irish immigrants and Molly Maguires. Unlike many other immigrants, the

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Irish didn't keep their heads down and loudly protested their treatment at the hands of the mine owners.

Whenever a worker or his family suffered retaliation, a convention of the AOH division leaders from the lodges, aka body masters, convened. These body masters appointed a committee to dispose of the mine boss.

One newspaper reported that mining supervisors, Thomas Sanger and William Uren, discharged several Mollies for drunkenness and other offenses and blacklisted them from employment at other mines. Possibly this was the reason the Mollies targeted Thomas Sanger for "disposal." The AOH committee assigned the deed to Charles and James O'Donnell, James McAllister, Michael Doyle, and to my ancestor, Thomas Munley. To be continued... ♦

Identifying Your *AncestryDNA* Matches Genealogically

Bob Dahlin

Member, GSGC

Since *AncestryDNA* introduced the ability to identify one's matches genealogically, I've been utilizing the tool with as many of my matches as I can. I currently have 16 matches identified and linked to my tree. Sometimes this is fairly easy because you recognize the match from the name associated with their DNA. Sometimes it takes some work to ferret out the information posted on a family tree or to create a tree for the match if one is not posted.

Recently, I saw a new match in my "Close Family" group. The name on the match was Rasmus Andersson. I know Rasmus. He is the son of my second cousin, Jerry Andersson. That makes him my second cousin, once removed. I clicked on the "Yes" button below the question "Do you recognize them?" I then chose "Paternal Side" from the available options. I clicked the "Next" button and searched through the available options for "Second Cousin, Once Removed." To my surprise, it was not on the list. I went back and looked at the number of centiMorgans that I shared with Rasmus, 468 cM. I then referred to the Shared centiMorgan Table compiled by the Shared cM Project. The range for second cousin once removed is 0-325 cM. Rasmus' shared DNA was significantly greater than the upper limit for this relationship. What was going on here? Was endogamy involved? Was I related to Rasmus' mother as well as his father?

Because Rasmus lives in Sweden, I opted to contact him via Facebook Messenger. I told him that his DNA had been posted to *Ancestry* and that there was an issue around how closely we matched. When he returned my message, he started with three laughing emojis. He told me the DNA that was sent to *Ancestry* was not his, but belonged to his grandfather, Eskil. He is my father's first cousin, my first cousin, once removed. Rasmus filled out the forms incorrectly when he submitted the DNA sample for his grandfather.

I went back to my match list and when I looked at the list for first cousin, once removed it was at the top of the list. The shared cM range for first cousin, once removed is 115-753 cM. Eskil's DNA falls well within this range. Rasmus has since contacted *AncestryDNA* and had the information on Eskil's sample corrected. My experience with this has shown me just how accurate and useful this tool is. If you haven't identified any of your *AncestryDNA* matches genealogically, I recommend that you do so. Don't forget to also connect them to the correct person in your family tree! ♦

Did You Know?

Club member Nancy Launi has been preserving her family stories with traditional scrapbooks since 1999 and with digital books for almost as long. She teaches people to scrapbook and make digital photo books as well as how to organize printed/digital photos, videos, audios, and documents. She helps you send in your old media for digitization (8mm/super 8mm, VHS, camcorder videos, printed photos, slides, documents, scrapbooks, etc.). Her goal is to help you preserve your family memories and stories. If you need her help, contact her at nancylauni@aol.com. ♦

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Featured Website

Kathleen Keenan and Judy Phillips recommend scotlandspeople.gov.uk for your Scottish research. The site allows you to search free of charge paying only when you view, download, or order copies of records. It allows the National Records of Scotland to make available a much wider range of records for your research. It's well worth checking the site out. ♦

State Guides

New Mexico

(Source: State Guide New Mexico by Christmas, H. M. Originally published in the May/June 2023/Vol.24, Issue 3, P. 33 of *Family Tree Magazine*)

Statehood: 1912

First federal census: 1850 (as New Mexico Territory)

Birth and death records begin: 1899 (county); 1920 (state)

Marriage records begin: 1860s (county)

Contact for vital records:

N.M. Dept of Health, Vital Records. ♦

South Carolina

(Source: State Guide South Carolina by Koch, A. Originally published in the May/June 2023/Vol.24, Issue 3, P.37 of *Family Tree Magazine*)

Statehood: 1788

First federal census: 1790

Birth and death records begin: 1915

Marriage records begin: 1911 (county); 1950 (state)

Contact for vital records:

S.C. Dept of Health and Environmental Control. ♦

Dear Miss Genie

No questions received this quarter. ♦

**Do you have a question for Miss Genie? Why not send it to her at genieclub2002@gmail.com – Subject: "Miss Genie." She would love to hear from you. **

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

GSGC MONTHLY MEETINGS

PLACE: CHAPIN MEMORIAL LIBRARY/VIA ZOOM

TIME: 10 AM

Presentations:

- May 13: *Introduction to Family Tree Maker* – Mark Olsen
- June 10: *What's in a Name* – Alicia M. Slavis (Club Member)
- July: **No Meeting (SC Workshop, Columbia, SC)**

GENEALOGY MEETINGS/CONFERENCES

National Genealogical Society Annual Family History Conference – Deep Roots of a Nation – May 31–June 3, 2023. Online at home or in-person at the Greater Richmond Convention Center in Richmond, Virginia. Check website for updates and new information as it becomes available. ♦

FamilySearch Family History & Genealogy Expo – June 24, 2023. Virtual Informative fun-filled day viewing presentations, asking questions, and visiting vendor and society booths. – FREE! Check website for details. ♦

Institute of Genealogy & Historical Research (IGHR) – July 23-28, 2023. Virtual educational forum for the discovery, critical evaluation, and use of genealogical sources and methodology of intensive study. ♦

Due to the Coronavirus most – if not all – meetings/conferences are being held virtually. Please visit **ConferenceKeeper for the most complete "Calendar and Collection of Genealogy Events" on the Internet. This is your chance to attend a meeting virtually you may have been unable to attend onsite because of its distance or cost. **

MEETINGS

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

Chapin Library (*FamilySearch* Affiliate Library)
400 14th Avenue North, Myrtle Beach, SC 29577

Meetings held both at Chapin Library and via ZOOM

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