

Western Montana Genealogical Society



NEXT MEETING - Tuesday, Jan 10, 2011

Missoula Public Library

Large Downstairs Meeting Room — 7:00 pm.

PRESERVING AND ARCHIVING YOUR FAMILY TREASURES

Learn how to care for artifacts, family histories, documents, and photographs. Learn about choosing the correct archive if you have decided to donate. Montana institutional archives and the materials they collect will be reviewed. Diane Sands, the Development Director of the Historical Museum at Fort Missoula, Dale Johnson, a former archivist from the Mansfield Library archives, and Cory Johnson, President of the Historical Museum at Fort Missoula, will present the program.

Crafting Your Search on Ancestry.com

by Juliana Smith

There's nothing like a fresh search to recharge your family history batteries. I've recently branched out and started working on the families of some of my brothers-in-law and to me it's the family history equivalent of a kid getting to be the first one to run through a freshly snow-covered yard. It's just you and that fresh-fallen snow—unexplored territory—and you get to be the one who blazes the trail. Woohoo! As I blazed through some online searches in these uncharted families, I was reminded of some techniques and things I like to think about when I'm crafting a search on Ancestry.com.

Start Wide, Then Narrow

I like to start wide with a global search of Ancestry.com, using the search form on the home page or from the Search tab. Those forms are searching more than 7 billion records in more than 30,000 titles. Because of the diversity of the records within, when I'm doing a global search I like to keep it simple.

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Film Ordering Is Now Done Online, at Home

Librarians at the local Family History Centers can no longer order/renew microfilm/fiche for you. This must now be done online at home or via a computer at the Family History Center if you do not have access to the Internet at home. You can log in/ create an account at : <https://www.familysearch.org/films/> to take a look at the new system. Prices are the same, \$5.50 for films and \$0.15 for fiche, and you can pay by credit card or PayPal. They have a **Note:** Before ordering any film, check to make sure the Family History Library Catalog does not have a digital copy online. Also, the local Family History Libraries are conducting a survey of all microfilms at their library and these will be available online at some point to prevent ordering of duplicate films. The films/fiche will be sent to your local Family History Library for viewing and will remain in the library as usual.

Heroin Found in UK National Archives File

A sealed package containing heroin was found in an 80-year-old Foreign Office file at the National Archives, its managers have said. The Class A drug was filed with a document from the British Consulate in Cairo about a 1928 court case.

The off-white powder, discovered by a member of the public who asked to see the file, was sent for analysis. And having been confirmed as heroin, the substance was handed over to the Metropolitan Police.

FROM BBC Mobile 19 Dec 2011

In The Mail



Internet Genealogy, Dec/Jan 2012. Topics covered include Cloud Computing, UK Criminal Records, Ancestors Church Records, Forgotten Motion Picture Records, and Social Media.

Family Chronicle, Nov/Dec 2011. Articles include: Irish Naming Conventions, Ten Tips for Reading German Parish Registers, Irish Naming Conventions: An Introduction, Border Families (hard to pin down ancestors), Ontario Land Records, Harsh Realities; Confronting Difficult Times in the Lives of Our Ancestors, The Married Name Problem, Using School Censuses, Researching London Ancestors, and Burial Location 101.

NGS Magazine Oct/Dec 2011. Articles include: Ten Top Tips for Concluding a Genealogical Project, Using Obituaries and City Directories With the Census as Your Guide, Getting Family History Information Through the Back Door (from things like local history books and websites, newspapers, advertisements, other relatives, neighbors, and even b-bay). Is a Foreign Language Your Brick Wall? and Digital Camera Technologies: A Genealogist's Guide.

The Genealogist's GOOGLE TOOLBOX; A Genealogist's Guide to the Most Powerful Free Online Research Tools Available!

By Lisa Louise Cooke

This book teaches "innovative ways to use existing online tools specifically for genealogy research." Learn the basic and advanced Google search strategies that will give high-quality results. Learn how to set Google Alerts, search images, books, translations, video and YouTube. Using Google Earth, learn how to find ancestral homes and locations, historic maps and images, and even plot your ancestors homestead. This book's large format and loads of picture examples make it easy to follow and use.

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I think about what pieces of information are included in most records—and more importantly in the case of searches—the indexes to them. The top three pieces of information I like to include in my initial search are name, year of birth (which translates to age in many records), and a place where the person lived (not to be confused with place of birth).

Even if I know a person's death date, I don't include it in this initial search. Why? Well, let's think about what records would include a death date. Obviously any death or death-related record like obituaries and such would come up, as would trees, but that's about it. Most records were created while our ancestors were alive and kicking and of course, as such, won't include that detail.

Once I've grabbed my initial results, I'll start adding in other details like that death date, other places where they lived, a birth place, etc.—things that will shake up my search results and perhaps pull a new record to the top.

Go Over Every Record with a Fine-Tooth Comb

With multiple records typically coming up in a global search, it's easy to get caught in a cycle of clicking and attaching records to trees or printing them and tucking them away so we can move on to the next record. I try very hard not to fall into this trap. Sure you want to capture them all so that you have them for future reference, but take a break between searches to read and take notes on each record. There are stories and clues in each one and if we stash them right away we may be missing out on clues that can help us craft an even better search next time.

Get a Little Closer

As Anne recommends in her article, "5 Ways to Jumpstart (or Start) Your Ancestry.com Research," it's very important to explore what's available for the places where your ancestor lived. Check and see if there are collections that you think your ancestor should be appearing in, and if you find any likely candidates,

search them directly. This will allow you to zero in on the records and tweak your search appropriately to the content within.

Check Under the Hood

So how do you "appropriately" tweak a search? Do a search for Smith or some other common name. Look at what fields are indexed for that collection. How are places listed? Does the record typically give the town name or only the county? Try to make your search terms match what you think will appear in the index, based on how those other records are indexed.

In some cases, you may find multiple publications lumped together into one database. To learn more about a particular collection, go directly to that collection and look at the descriptive materials found below the search box. They'll tell you what the collection is comprised of.

For example, the Indiana Marriage Collection, 1800-1941 <http://www.ancestry.com/s23557/t25085/rd.ashx> is actually a combination of two separately created indexes. One was created by the WPA and the other by a private entity from records on microfilm at the Family History Library in Salt Lake City. The description describes the sources, suggests avenues for follow-up with copies of the full records, and also includes a list of what counties are included, along with the years that are available for each county.

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Help Index the 1940 Federal Census

The 1940 Federal Census will be released on 2 April 2012 by the National Archives., and FamilySearch.org and its partners will begin publishing the images as volunteers start transcribing the records to make them searchable. Ancestry.com has said that it will make this census and indexes available for free until the end of 2013. If you are interested in helping to index the 1940 census, visit the FamilySearch website at: <https://www.familysearch.org/1940census>.

Maurice Helterline sent this info on his Green/Greene famlv whose name is derived from the De Greene De Broketon Estate in Northampton, England. The estate itself dates back to fifth-century Anglo-Saxon times in Northampton. However, it was not until A.D. 1202 that the King of England granted the estate to young Alexander de Zouche as a loyal knight of the King's Court. Alexander assumed the De Greene name from the estate. He and the next four generations spoke Norman French. The Greene name is spelled in various ways.

TIME LINE - GREENE, MASSINGHAM FAMILIES

The Greens and Massinghams met for the first time probably in Winona County, Minn., 1862 - 1865.

The Greene's journey across New York is not defined. How they traveled from New York [state] to Milwaukee is not known. The most probable route is from Watertown, NY to Milwaukee. They arrived in Milwaukee in the mid-1840's, and later to Sauk County, WI.

Nathaniel GREENE	1772	Birth	Providence County, RI	Son of Peter Greene
Nathaniel GREENE	ca. 1798	Marriage	Townsend, VT	Dorcas J. Ames
Esek GREENE	1809	Birth	Oneida County, NY	Son Nathaniel Greene
Esek GREENE	1829	Marriage	St Lawrence Co., NY	Ann Gibbs
Theodore D. GREENE	1834	Birth	Otsego County, NY	Son of Esek Greene
GREENE family	ca. 1846	Journey	to Milwaukee, WI	[later to Sauk Co., WI]
Nathaniel GREENE	1858	Death	Sauk County, WI.	
Esek GREENE	1862	Death	Sauk County, WI.	
Theodore D. GREENE	1864	Marriage	Winona County, Minn.	Mary C. Massingham
Theodore D. GREENE	1913	Death	Ashland, WI.	

MASSINGHAM, J., retired, born in 1818 in England, in 1832 came to Ohio. In 1836, came to Kane County, Illinois, in 1850 removed to Racine, Wis., in 1856 removed to Olmstead Co., Minn., in 1862 came to Winona Co., Minn., in 1865 came to Garnavillo, Clayton Co., Iowa, in 1868 removed to Osage, Mitchell Co., Iowa, was proprietor of Massingham House for a term of about seven years, in 1875 came to West Union; owns forty-three acres in the suburbs of West Union. Massingham has been engaged in the hotel business about twenty years. [He] married C. J. Miller in 1841; she was born in Oswego Co., NY in 1823; [they] have seven children - Mary, Anna, Henry, Julia, William, Harvey, and Fred. [They are] members of the Episcopal Church.

1878 History of Fayette Co., Iowa - West Union Twp., page 588
Posted by Linnie Howell <linnie@gbonline.com>

Children of Esek Greene and Ann Gibbs: [ten children]

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| 1.] Simon P. Greene, born 21 March 1830 in New York, | 5.] Sarah A. Greene, born 17 Aug 1837 in NY. |
| 2.] George D. Greene, born in New York. | 6.] Alvira M. Greene, born Oct 1843 in NY. |
| 3.] Catherine Greene, born in New York. | 7.] Edmond R. Greene, born [about 1844] in NY. |
| 4.] Theodore De Clermont Greene, | 8.] Rosina O. Greene, born in New York. |
| born 30 Sept 1834 in Otsego County, NY. | 9.] Angeline Irene Greene, born 1846, Milwaukee |
| | 10.] Ella O. Greene, born 1 Sept 1849, Milwaukee |

Children of Nathaniel Greene and Dorcas J. Ames: [eight children]

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| 1.] Lemuel Greene, born 1800 in Vermont. | 5.] Sylvanus Greene, born 27 JAN 1810 in NY. |
| 2.] Barbara Greene, born 1802 in Vermont | 6.] Adam Clark Greene, born 09 JUN 1812 in NY. |
| 3.] Nancy Greene, born 1805 in Oneida Co, New York. | 7.] John Watson Greene, born 09 FEB 1815 in NY. |
| 4.] Esek Greene, born 22 DEC 1808 Oneida Co NY | 8.] Catherine Greene, born 03 JUL 1818 in NY. |
| died 29 June 1862 in Merrimack, Sauk Co, WI. | |

1880 Wisconsin Census: District 3, ED no. 148, Ashland [city], Ashland County, page one:

Line 1: T. D. Green	head	W, male, age 47 yrs	logger+	NY	NY	NY
Line 2: Mary C. Green	wife	W, fem, age 39 yrs	housekeeper	ILL	ENG	CAN
Line 3: Walter S. Green	son	W, male, age 12 yrs		Minn.	NY	ILL
Line 4: Katie Green	dau.	W, fem, age 10 yrs		Minn.	NY	ILL
Line 5: Grace Green	dau.	W, fem, age 8 yrs		Iowa	NY	ILL
Line 6: Minnie Green	dau.	W, fem, age 6 yrs		Wis.	NY	ILL
Line 7: E. R. Green	head	W, male, age 38 yrs	lumberman	NY	NY	NY
Line 8: Anne Green	mother	W, fem, age 72 yrs	housekeeper	NY	CON	NY

NOTE: Jessie Green was born in October 1880 in Fargo, and therefore was not included on this census page. - MWH.

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ANCESTRY.COM NEWS

Their list of 12 things you can count on from Ancestry.com in 2012:

1. Announcing the 1940 U.S. Federal Census—the 72-year wait is over
2. A fully-indexed 1911 UK Census, plus more U.S. state censuses
3. Additional U.S. birth, marriage and death records
4. New U.S. and international church records
5. Millions of new occupation-related records
6. Clearer images plus new census technology showing more details
7. Direct access to more Ancestry Hints that can lead you to new records
8. Free family tree apps for Apple, Android, Kindle Fire and NOOK
9. New ways to connect and grow your tree with help from social networking sites
10. New answers in your DNA
11. Ancestry Hints from new historical record collections
12. Tips and instruction directly from the pros at Ancestry.com

Remember, however, this list is just a sample

Bits & Bytes



Steve Morse Releases the Unified 1940 Census ED Finder

Steve Morse is well known for producing a series of great tools for genealogists at his One-Step website. Now he has added a new tool to assist with the 1940 U.S. Census. Like all his other tools, this one is available free of charge.

Steve writes:

Last week a new 1940 Census tool was added to the Census section of the One-Step website (<http://stevemorse.org>). It's called the Unified 1940 Census ED Finder (<http://stevemorse.org/census/unified.html>). Here's some background

so that you can appreciate why this tool is necessary and what it does.

As you know, the 1940 census when released on April 2 will not have a name index. and probably won't have a complete one for at least six months. In the interim, the only way to access the census is by ED. That means that researchers will have to determine the EDs for their locations. And the largest collection of tools for doing such is on the One-Step website.

The One-Step 1940 ED tools consists of the Large City ED Finder, the ED Street Finder, the ED Definitions tool, the 1930/1940 ED converter, the ED Map tool, and the Census Tracts tool. That's a daunting number of tools so, to make life simpler, a Tutorial Quiz was recently introduced (yes, another tool) that guides the user through a series of questions and recommends the appropriate tool based on his answers.

But the Tutorial Quiz takes time and understanding, and most researchers would like to just jump in and find their ED. That's what the Unified ED Finder allows them to do. They simply enter on the form as much of their location as they know. The tool then makes the decision as to which of the other One-Step tools is most appropriate, and takes the user directly to that tool with the desired ED (or perhaps a small number of possible EDs) displayed. And each ED so displayed contains a link to the census images for that ED, although the links will not be operational until April 2.

From Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter
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London Lives—1690-1820

A fully searchable edition of **240,000 manuscripts** from **eight archives** and **fifteen datasets**, giving access to **3.35 million names**.

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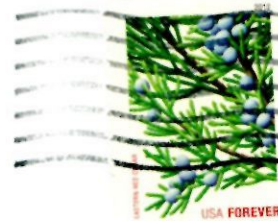
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Dues , Queries & Meetings

Dues are \$11 a year for individuals and \$13 for families, which includes a Newsletter (Sep, Nov, Jan, Mar, & May) and membership in the Montana State Genealogical Society. Queries are published free for members, \$2 for non-members. Membership runs from September to May of the next year. Meetings are held the 2nd Tuesday of the month Sep, Nov, Jan, Mar, & May at 7:00 pm in the large downstairs meeting room of the Missoula Public Library unless otherwise noted in the newsletter.

Please check your mailing label for '12 after your name to be sure your dues are paid for this year. Thanks.

Submissions

We would appreciate any submissions of articles on genealogy for the Newsletter including *How You Solved It*, local pedigrees, book reviews of local history/genealogy

Upcoming Conferences

NGS 2012 Family History Conference, Cincinnati, Ohio—May 9-12, 2012

Registration is now open for the National Genealogical Society 2012 Family History Conference, The Ohio River: Gateway to the Western Frontier. To register online, go to http://www.ngsgenealogy.org/cs/attendee_registration. While registering, you will have the opportunity to sign up for a variety of special events, workshops, and luncheons.

(The 2013 NGS Conference will be in Las Vegas.)

RootsTech—Feb 2-4, 2012 in Salt Lake City

Explore solutions to bring Technology and genealogy together. Early Bird Registration until Jan 13th is \$149. http://rootstech.org/?cid=fsHomeRTEarlyReg_v2b