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Confederate Memorial - Battle Grove Cemetery

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(above) Confederate Memorial, Battle Grove Cemetery, Cynthiana, Ky. The taller stones were installed in 2006 and are engraved with the same inscriptions as found on the weather-worn original stone markers in front of them. Photo, 2006, Philip Naff.

The Confederate Monument at Battle Grove Cemetery received some needed refurbishing in 2006 when the original markers around the circle had become nearly unreadable. Charley Feix, former president of the Battle Grove Cemetery, explained that the federal government, after repeated requests, finally provided the markers. The new stones have identical information as was on the old markers, which were left undisturbed in their original locations.

Mr. Feix surveyed the cemetery records and discovered an additional twenty-five previously unmarked grave sites of Civil War veteran's graves in Battle Grove Cemetery. These markers were ordered and are now erected.

The first monument dedicated to the memory of the deceased Confederates in Kentucky, and among the earliest in any state, was dedicated in Cynthiana at the Battle Grove Cemetery May 27, 1869. According to John M. Cromwell: "Early in 1867 Dr. A. J. Beale called a meeting at his office of Confederate friends and sympathizers in Harrison county, where an organization was effected looking to the erection of a monument as a fitting memorial to those fallen heroes, to be known as the 'Cynthiana Confederate Memorial Association.' The following officers were elected; A. J. Beale, President; H. W. Shawhan, Newton Miller, Henry Turton, Vice Presidents; Caleb W.

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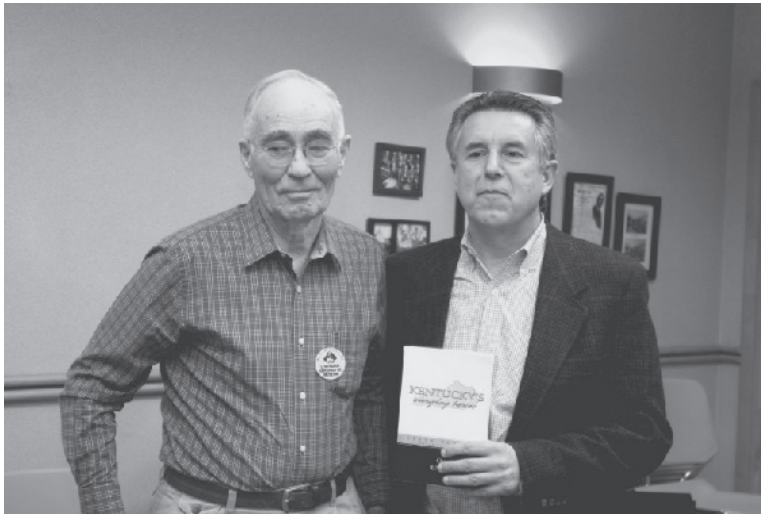
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Meeting March 20, 2008 - The program featured Steve Flairty, author of *Kentucky's Everyday Heroes: Ordinary People Doing Extraordinary Things* (2008, paperback, 170 pages, \$15.00) in which he hopes to show "the essence of what it means to be a Kentuckian with a heart and a soul." One of the book's heroes is our own Harold Slade, for his diligent work as curator of the Cynthiana-Harrison County Museum. Mr. Flairty was impressed by Harold's conscientious arrangements and that everything in the Museum seemed to have its special place. After his presentation, the author signed many books purchased by members and guests. *Business session*: Bob Owen provided updates on various upcoming events (see calendar) and Billy Fowler discussed the Handy House alternate plans by Wee Landscape Architecture and upcoming local government meetings on the topic.



Harold Slade (left) and author Steve Flairty, holding his book, *Kentucky's Everyday Heroes*, which includes Harold. Photo, Sharon Fowler.

Harrison County History Calendar

April 12 - Herby Moore art exhibit includes John Hunt Morgan portrait. Zeppelin Threads gallery, Main St.
April 17 - HCHS mtg. - Heather Ladick, Zeppelin Threads
April 19 - Raggedy Ann Festival
May 15 - HCHS mtg. - Zeb Weese, Regional Nature Preserves Manager, will make a presentation on nature trail near Sunrise.
May 24 - Museum Grist Mill Day.
June 14-15 - Ruddle's Fort assoc. mtg.; Ruddells Mills; dedication Ruddell monument 1 pm Sun.; details - www.ramsha1780.org/
June 19 - HCHS mtg. - JuJeff Kinney's 5th grade history club.
July 17 - Historical Society show-and-tell.

The weekend of April 11, 12, and 13th, a dedicated group of reenactors will recreate the Battle(s) of Cynthiana. Thanks to the reenactors, the people of Harrison County will be able to experience what it was like when John Hunt Morgan and his troops came to Cynthiana. This year there will be a reenactment of the attack and burning of the jail, the predecessor of the current Old Jail, which occurred during the Second Battle of Cynthiana, June 11, 1864. According to a deposition of John Bruce dated January 14, 1865, cited in the Haviland Papers, "As the fire raged downtown, Morgan ordered a squad to burn the jail and adjoining dwelling of jailer John Bruce on West Pike Street. The soldiers produced a written order signed by Morgan and refused to allow the family to remove furniture or personal items."

Other "battles" will be fought Saturday and Sunday at the Elks Lodge Park on Oddville Avenue. This is a great opportunity for the youth of the county to experience the plight of the soldiers and the sounds and sights of battle.

Again, I request Harrison Countians consider buying plants from the Friends of Griffith Tavern. This would support the efforts of this noble group and continue the reintroduction of plants native to the local area. They plan a sale of plants on May 31st at 1:00 to 3:00 pm at the Griffith Farm. The group is sponsoring many other events and seeks volunteers to help clean up the site and remove invasive plants. The group's Website is www.friendsofgriffithwoods.org.

I want to thank Bill Penn and Philip Naff for representing the Society at the Northern Kentucky Historical Society gathering this past weekend. Their dedication is apparent in the quality of our Newsletter which they are the principle authors each month. I also want to thank Vice President Billy Fowler for diligently seeking out guest speakers for our meetings. Lastly, I want to thank the members who attend our meetings each month. Attendance is important in demonstrating to our guest speakers we appreciate their time and effort.

Again I challenge each member to recruit additional members to the society. To get them interested, take them to the museum and let them see the wonderful work its supporters have done to preserve some of our local heritage. At \$12 per year per family, the society is an affordable endeavor.

Lastly, if you have not paid your dues, PLEASE do so as soon as possible. Thanks.

Cynthiana-Harrison County Museum

Martha Barnes, President

It seems natural that the recent Battle of Cynthiana reenactment would bring aficionados to Cynthiana - and that it did. Museum visitors appreciated the Civil War letters, Wilson's Union uniform, the cannonballs, the bridge displays, etc. etc.

An outstanding Harrison County teacher, Jeff Kinney with a group of his fifth graders (Eastside Elementary's History Club) ventured to Frankfort this month to participate in the Kentucky Junior Historical Society Convention. In the competition, the students received accolades for their projects and performances. How wonderful to have another generation of historians! One of the winners stated that his best Civil War reference was our esteemed editor's *Rattling Spurs and Broad-Brimmed Hats*.

A three part "Antiques Roadshow" series filmed in Louisville will be shown on KET beginning April 24. The second program features Civil War treasures as well as Kentucky furniture and Muhammed Ali's boxing gloves.

The unfaltering Handy House Committee now has a park plan to include "the House" and swimming pool. Did

not many of us always believe that we should and could have it all? I can envision attending an art show there, perhaps enjoying a friend's wedding reception, registering my grandsons for sporting events, or sitting on that wonderful back porch to wait for my granddaughter while she swims or walks.

Cynthiana will celebrate its Sixth Annual Raggedy Ann Festival on April 19, 2008. Events and activities for the young and young at heart will take place from 9 A.M. - 4 P.M. throughout the downtown area. The museum, besides featuring our Raggedy Ann and Andy Corner, will have a trivia contest and a "Where's Raggedy" search. The festival came to be because of a genealogical quest by Johnny Gruelle's granddaughter. Charley Feix, local historian and genealogist, will be at the Kentucky Room of the Cynthiana-Harrison County Library to help interested researchers.

Be certain to attend Museum Grist Mill Day on May 24 as yet once again, Bill Kelly and his family host the event.

Harrison County, Kentucky, Historical Publications

available from Cynthiana-Harrison County Museum, 124 South Walnut Street, P.O. Box 411, Cynthiana, KY 41031 (859-234-7179);

- Boyd, Lucinda, *Chronicles of Cynthiana*. This is a reprint of the rare 1894 edition, which includes family histories, the famous account of David Sheely and his ghost, and other historical sketches and scattered accounts of persons and events connected with Cynthiana and Harrison County. 262 pp. Hardbound. \$20.00.
- June 1896 Cynthiana Democrat reprint. This was a special edition with biographical sketches and photographs of prominent men and women; many photographs of buildings; city/county government, church and school information is included. 24 pp. Paperback, 12"x18". \$5.00
- *Cynthiana Since 1790*. Virgil Peddicord (1986). Mr. Peddicord attempted to list the owners/businesses located on each lot from the founding of the city through the mid-1980s, including subdivisions added through 1923. 171 pp. (See separate index below). Paperback. \$20.00
- *Index - Cynthiana Since 1790* (William A. Penn). Mr. Peddicord did not prepare a comprehensive index for his book. This supplemental index contains about 3,500 names and a reference city street map. 30 pp. Paperback. \$3.00
- *Writings of Colonel William M. Moore*, (1837-1927) compiled by Andrew B. "Andy" Peak (2002). Includes 1921-1922 articles he wrote for the Cynthiana Democrat about his life. 10 family photographs; index; paperback, 71 pp. \$10.00/ \$3.00 shipping. Limited supply.
- *This Old House* by Katherine Wilson. Now back in print, this book tells the stories of twenty-six early Harrison Co. houses and the families who have occupied them. 70 pp., new index, paperback. \$15.00 (An index is available for earlier editions, which had no index).
- *Cromwell's Comments*, by John M. Cromwell (1862-1951) is a reprint of Cromwell's 1928-1941 Cynthiana Democrat columns on the history of Cynthiana (Harrison Co., KY). William A. Penn and George D. Slade, editors. Paperback; preface; 2 maps; 21 photos; 4 illus.; annotated; index; 200 pp. (Cynthiana Democrat, 2002), \$10 plus \$3 shipping.

Shipping/handling for above books: Please include a handling and shipping fee of \$4.00 for first book (unless otherwise noted above), \$2.50 for each additional book; you will be notified if special shipping fees apply. No shipping fee on Index - Cynthiana Since 1790, if ordered with the book. Make checks/money orders payable to "Cynthiana-Harrison County Museum." No credit cards. Prices/fees subject to change.

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West, Secretary; Frank M. Curle, Treasurer.”

“The trustees of the Battle Grove Cemetery donated a large and choice lot, and a campaign was immediately started to raise the necessary funds which met with ready response. The contract for the monument was awarded to the Muldoon Company of Louisville at \$2,200, and on May 27th, 1869 it was ready for dedication. Gen. Robert E. Lee and Col. W. C. P. Breckinridge were invited to participate in the dedicatory ceremonies, but Gen. Lee was unable to be present.” The letter of regret sent by Robert E. Lee has survived and is in the possession of a former resident of Cynthiana.

In 1868, Battle Grove Cemetery purchased its land from Henry Williams, who had bought the south half of the cemetery site from W. T. Redmon in 1860 and the north half, along with a large farm extending to the Oddville Pike, from John Williams in 1851.

Fund raising began with a tournament that was staged at the old Harrison County fair grounds which were on the north side of the White Oak Pike, at the top of the hill near present Belmont. Dr. Beale organized the event where men dressed as knights, with lance in hand, attacked rings suspended around the amphitheater circle. A “Queen of the Tournament” was chosen and “Maids of Honor.”

According to “Historic Battle Grove Cemetery,” it was not until 1902 that individual head stones were installed. There are forty-eight grave sites encircling the monument. Confederate soldiers surround the twenty-five foot Italian marble monument erected by the Cynthiana Confederate Memorial Association. Although an inscription was cho-

sen at the time of the unveiling, it was not carved onto the stone for thirty years, primarily due to the lingering animosities remaining from the war. A. J. Beale, a former Confederate soldier who supported the memorial, wrote, “We were deterred by the persecutions of our friends in the farther South and the continued waving of the bloody shirt by our friends, the enemy. But as reason resumed its sway, the monument has inscriptions now [1911].”

The white marble obelisk stands 22 feet high on a four square foot limestone base three feet high (25 feet high combined), with a Confederate flag draped on top. The monument is on the National Register of Historic Places, one of the 62 American Civil War monuments in Kentucky with this designation. According to the documentation for the nomination, prepared by Joseph E. Brent, “The Cynthiana monument set the tone of many of the first Bluegrass monuments in the Confederacy, being reminiscent of death, particularly grave markers. This is best represented by the Confederate Monument of Bowling Green, Confederate Monument at Crab Orchard, Confederate Monument in Georgetown, and the Confederate Monument in Versailles.”

(below) Confederate Memorial before restoration. Photo, 2005, Philip Naff. View looking southeast.





W. C. P. Breckinridge, speaker at the dedication of the Cynthiana Confederate Memorial, May 27, 1869. Photo, public domain, from Klotter, James C., *The Breckinridges of Kentucky* (1986, U. Press of Kentucky.)

Battle Grove Cemetery Guide Available:

Historic Battle Grove Cemetery, a pamphlet prepared by Charles W. Feix, is available for sale for \$5 at the Battle Grove Cemetery office. This is a guide to twenty-two historic graves, with photos and biographical sketches. Included is a history of the Confederate Monument with a list of known soldiers buried at the site. (Contact: Battle Grove Cemetery, 513 East Pike Street, Cynthiana, Ky. 41031.)

Confederate Monument Dedication Speech Excerpt:

Colonel W. C. P. Breckinridge's dedication remarks began with personal experiences in battle here, having only enlisted earlier that day in Georgetown, and continued on to accept defeat for his beloved Lost Cause.

...Here upon the very day I enlisted in the Confederate army, I heard for the first time the deadly whiz of the minie, the scream of shell and crash of shot; across yonder bridge I first rode into battle, up yonder hill, through a stubble wheat field, down to the stone house, I led my first charge; upon the streets of your town I beheld for the first time the life blood ebbing from the fallen hero upon the scene of glory....

...Across these very graves we hold the olive branch. We recognize the death of our cause. We accept the decision of battle. We wagered all and lost, and have no unmanly tears or mumurs. But our surrender included no servile degradation. Our deads are to be honored....

(below) Confederate Monument postcard, ca. 1900-1920, courtesy of Charley Feix.



Inscriptions on Confederate Memorial

(North side)

Erected May 27, 1869,
by the
Cynthiana Confederate Memorial Association
In Memory of the Confederate Dead
Who Fell in Defense of Constitutional Liberty.

(South side)

On Fame's eternal camping ground,
Their silent tents are spread,
And Glory guards, with solemn round,
The bivouac of the dead.

Their names shall never be forgot,
While fame her records keep,
And Glory guards the hallowed spot,
Where valor proudly sleeps.

This poem is an excerpt from native Kentuckian Theodore O'Hara's "Bivouac of the Dead." According to a government Web site on burials and memorials, "When O'Hara was editor of the Mobile Register in 1858, 'Bivouac' was published in that newspaper in what is considered the original form; two years later it appeared in the Louisville Courier with the explanatory introduction: 'Lines written at the tomb of the Kentuckians who fell at Buena Vista, buried in the cemetery at Frankfort.'" He died in 1867, and the Cynthiana monument is probably one of the earliest uses of his most quoted poem on a Civil War memorial. By 1890, quotations from this poem were on iron tablets in national cemeteries from Antietam to the McClellan Gate at Arlington.

Confederate Memorial - Sources: William A. Penn, *Rattling Spurs and Broad-Brimmed Hats* (1995); Battle Grove Cemetery, *Historic Battle Grove Cemetery*; Brent, Joseph E. (January 8, 1997), National Register of Historic Places Multiple Property Submission: Civil War Monuments in Kentucky, 1865-1935, National Park Service; John M. Cromwell, *Cromwell's Comments*, p. 39; O'Hara information from U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs, <http://www.cem.va.gov/cem/hist/bivouac.asp>; fund raising tournament from Cynthiana Democrat, May 16, 1929. Harrison County deed books 28-p. 254 and 23- p.159.

The Confederate Monument: Final Roll Call

Philip Naff

www.harrisoncountyky.us/battle-grove/

Careful attention was paid by the founders of Battle Grove in recording the names of the Confederate soldiers who were reinterred. Their names were recorded in the first pages of the oldest burial record book maintained by the first superintendent. Only the names of half of the soldiers were entered, the rest being unknown.

Charles W. Feix,, Harrison County historian and genealogist, has compiled the list below detailing the arrangement of the individual graves. The numbering system begins with the first marker to the right side of David Snyder's stone, thence counter-clockwise around the circle back to the beginning. Of the forty-eight grave sites encircling the Confederate Monument, twenty-three contain the remains of unknown soldiers. The remaining twenty-five tombstones are inscribed with the information listed below.

Name & Identification:

- 1 - 8 Unknown - C.S.A.
- 10 W. L. Dean - North Carolina
- 11 T.W. Rowland - Jacksonville, Ala.
- 12 Kinslow - Morgan's Command
- 13 Wyman Scott - Morgan's Command
- 14 Albert Herron - Morgan's Command
- 15 Hunt - Morgan's Command
- 16 Peter King - Arkansas
- 17 S.S. Jennings - New Orleans, Louisiana
- 18 Harrison - Ratcliff's Command
- 19 W. Redding - Morgan's Command
- 20 William Clark - Clebourn's Command
- 21 C.T. Puckett - Morgan's Command
- 22 William Kennett - Morgan's Command
- 23 T.W. Terry - Morgan's Command
- 24 J.K. Bloodworth - Tennessee
- 25 J. Terrell - Morgan's Command
- 26 J.M. Middleton - Bloomfield, Ky.
- 27 H. Beardon - Knoxville, Tenn.
- 28 J.H. Williamson - Floyd Co., Ky.
- 29 William Dial - Alexandria, Ky.
- 30 David May - Pike Co., Ky.
- 31 J. Chandler - Boone Co., Ky.
- 32 William R. Bates - Georgia
- 33 Lyons - Morgan's Command
- 34-47 Unknown - C.S.A.
- 48 David Snyder - Company E., 2nd KY Cavalry

The Genealogy Box



A supplemental newsletter for genealogy and family history research in Harrison County, Kentucky.

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Local Treasures

With regards to genealogical and family research I always say that the best stuff to be found is always local, but not everyone has time or money to travel the distances between your home and where you ancestors lived, and even if you do, you just don't have the time to spend looking through all the documents to be found at the courthouse or in the library. It is nice sometimes, just to find that someone has done a little bit of the work for you before you arrive, and, "whadya know," a couple of people have done just that!

The E.E. Barton Papers: First and foremost among the unique genealogical resources for Harrison County is the E.E. Barton Collection of Northern Kentucky Families, a collection of genealogical and family history files and records compiled in the pre-World War II era by Edward E. Barton, a Pendleton County, Kentucky lawyer, and which contain information on a great number of Harrison County families. All of his

papers have been preserved and microfilmed and are available to the public only at a few libraries in Kentucky, of which the Cynthiana-Harrison County Public Library is one, and the Pendleton County Public Library in Falmouth (Pendleton County) is another. Both libraries possess an index (comb-bound as well as in a three-ring-binder) which will help you determine if there are any records regarding the surname you are researching. If you care to check in advance, the index is also available online at the USGenWeb.org site for Pendleton County, Kentucky.

What kind of information is included in the E.E. Barton Papers? You never can tell until you look, but depending on how much work you have already done, they will either be full of surprises or just corroborate the facts in the research you have already done. My first experience with the E.E. Barton papers was one revelation after another, some of which I may still not have known about had I not examined these important papers. Certainly there will be family group sheets, transcripts of interviews, questionnaires filled out by family members, texts and transcripts of court records, and excerpts from local histories. If you would like to see a sampling, please go to www.CumminsFamily.Info, click on "Research Notes," and then "E.E. Barton Papers." There you will find a discussion and presentation of those E.E. Barton files that I have found regarding my 4th-great-grandparents, Joseph & Lydia (Fleming) Cummins, and their son, George Cummins, Sr., and his siblings.

The Pease Abstracts: Whether you can make it to the Harrison County Court Clerk's office in Cynthiana or not, one resource which is invaluable to the genealogist from near and far is a multi-volume series entitled *Abstracted Court Records of Grant,*

Harrison, Pendleton Counties Kentucky, more simply known as the "Pease Abstracts." This series was compiled by Janet K. Pease beginning in the 1990s and is sold under the auspices of the Grant County (Ky.) Historical Society. The series of abstracted county court records not only includes sections devoted to Grant County, Kentucky court records, but those of Harrison and Pendleton Counties, Kentucky as well.

In addition to making the information contained in court records available to genealogists near and far, and thus providing information that might not be obtainable otherwise, one important use for these books is to find parties to marriages, land transactions, and probates of estates, besides the bride and groom, the grantee and grantor, and parties to the settlements or sales of estates, whose names are not typically indexed in court record books. The indexes for these abstracted record books are every-name indexes, and can be very useful when most other indexes of court records do not index these ancillary participants involved in legal transactions.

The Harrison County Court Clerk's office also maintains a set in their offices at 313 Oddville Avenue in Cynthiana and so these abstracted records can be used during any visit to supplement the court clerk's indexes of records.

This multi-volume set is available in several regional county libraries, including the Cynthiana-Harrison County Public Library, the Pendleton County Public Library in Falmouth, Ky., and the Grant County Public Library in Williamstown, Ky. Larger regional libraries usually have a few volumes, but not necessarily the complete set.

These volumes have also been microfilmed and are available through local Family History Centers of the Church of the Latter Day Saints (LDS). To learn more

about their holdings and of how to access them visit FamilySearch.org and click on "Frequently Asked Questions about Family History Centers & Microfilm/fiche Loans" and/or "Find a Family History Center Near You" to find out more about using this resource through a local LDS Family History Center.:

The most recent newsletter of the Grant County (Ky.) Historical Society, which lists these abstracts among their current publications, notes that all of these books are out of print, but that they still may be special ordered at \$40.00 per volume (Add \$3.50 for shipping & \$2.40 tax for Kentucky residents). Contact the Grant County Historical Society, P.O. Box 33, Mason, Kentucky 41054-9998 for more information, or to the society's Book Publications Chairman Betty Barnes, 12 Charlotte Heights, Williamstown, Ky. 41097 to order.

The following list indicates which Harrison County records have been abstracted and published within each of the sixteen volumes compiled by Ms. Pease:

- Vol. 1 - Wills, 1795-1853.
- Vol. 2 - Records, 1794-1828.
- Vol. 3 - Records, 1828-1856.
- Vol. 4 - Minute Books, 1824-1850.
- Vol. 5 - Court Cases, 1794-1800.
- Vol. 6 - Bonds & Marriages, 1794-1813.
- Vol. 7 - Bonds & Marriages, 1814-1827.
- Vol. 8 - Bonds & Marriages, 1828-1839.
- Vol. 9 - Bonds & Marriages, 1840-1846.
- Vol. 10 - Bonds & Marriages, 1847-1852.
- Vol. 11 - Bonds & Marriages, 1852-1854.
- Vol. 12 - Bonds & Marriages, 1855-1859.
- Vol. 13 - Tax Lists, 1794-1799.
- Vol. 14 - Tax Lists, 1800-1805.
- Vol. 15 - Tax Lists, 1806-1810
- Vol. 16 - Tax Lists, 1811-1814

Climbing the Other Branches of the Family Tree

Many begin their research with an interest only their direct line of descent, their grandparents, great-grandparents, and so on. Inevitably, however, one will discover that most of our ancestors were not the only child of the family, but that they had brothers and sisters and lots of them, as well as aunts and uncles, and numerous cousins of varying degrees. One shouldn't dismiss these other relations out-of-hand, as the information you are looking for may lie in the details of the lives of the members of these other branches of the family tree, and not necessarily with just your own.

Of course, it will take more research time and a few more coins for the photocopier, but in tracing the family tree of family members of these other branches or collateral lines of the family, one would use the same standard list of indexes, books, records, and databases for a person's name to find the usual birth, marriage, and death information one needs.

As you are looking up references to the surnames of your ancestors, copy or make note of others who share the same surname within the same vicinity and/or record type.

In rural communities many families stayed together within a narrow region and shared a similar history with one another. Neighbors of known ancestors who are documented in decennial U.S. Census enumerations may turn out to be relations yet-to-be-discovered. Locating the graves of your ancestor's siblings may help you to discover where your own ancestor is buried, should his or her grave never have been so commemorated.

So if you seem to have gotten to the end of your branch, remember to shake the others a little bit. Who knows what might fall out! ;-)

Research . . . Free for the Asking!

Many people love genealogy and family research to the point of wanting to help other not even related to them with theirs; it is a type of madness, I am sure, but if you are sane, you will want to take advantage of it!

RAOGK! Sounds like the name of some Japanese monster which was always attacking Tokyo in all those B-monster-movies, but it is an acronym that you should remember. RAOGK stands for Random Acts of Genealogical Kindness, and it is a loose association of fellow genealogists from all over the United States who have volunteered to do some small bit of research for others and all you have to do is . . . just ask for it! The RAOGK website has an easy-to-remember URL at RAOGK.org, and after getting to the home page and reading the rules about RAOGK etiquette, just pick a state, and then look for whatever volunteers there are for the county which interests you. Only ask for information within the bounds of what the RAOGK volunteer has offered to do, and hopefully answers to your questions will flow from there.

Genealogy Quips & Quotes

A modern mother is explaining to her little girl about pictures in the family photo album. "This is the geneticist with your surrogate mother and here's your sperm donor and your father's clone. This is me holding you when you were just a frozen embryo. The lady with the very troubled look on her face is your aunt, a genealogist."

Anonymous

