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Schedule of Events

Mark your calendars now for the exciting Genealogy Friends events in 2015. Meetings are held in the Program Room at the Haggard Library, 2501 Coit Rd., Plano, TX from 10:15 to 12:30 unless otherwise noted:

Today's Topic:

June 18, 2016—"New Features on FamilySearch" by Lynell Moss

Future Topics

July 16, 2016—"After the Research: Analysis, Organization, Sharing" by Barbara Coakley

August 20, 2016—To be announced

September 17, 2016—**All Day Workshop**—Speaker will be Lisa Louise Cooke, save the date and stay tuned for more information.

The Legacy Users Group meets the fourth Tuesday of each month, downstairs at Haggard Library from 1:30 to 3:30. There is an after meeting session if you need one on one help. Contact ptxlegacyug@verizon.net

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Publications for Sale

The following are available from Genealogy Friends:

Public Land Survey Systems	\$5
Plano Star Courier Index 1904-1910	\$20
Plano Star Courier Index 1911-1917	\$20
Cemeteries of Collin County, TX	\$40
Collin County, TX Voter Registration Index 1867	\$20
Place Names of Collin County, TX	\$10
Railroads in Collin County, TX	\$10
Colonial Ills, Brews & Concoctions	\$10
Library 101: Using Dewey Decimal Sys	\$10
Compiled Newsletters with Index	\$15

September Workshop

Our Workshop this year is set for September

17th at the First Presbyterian Church in Plano. The

church is located on Jupiter Rd. just north of 14th street. The speaker this year is Lisa Louisa Cooke who is the owner of *Genealogy Gems*, a genealogy and family history multi-media company. She is Producer and Host of the *Genealogy Gems Podcast*, the popular online genealogy audio show available at www.GenealogyGems.com, in iTunes, and through the Genealogy Gems app. Her podcast brings genealogy news, research strategies, expert interviews and inspiration to genealogists in 75 countries around the world, and recently celebrated 1.5 million downloads! Her Website is www.GenealogyGems.com. Stay tuned for more information .



Genfriends Membership

Our membership year runs from October 1 to September 30. Individual memberships are \$30 a year and family memberships are \$50.

The money we raise is used to purchase materials for the Genealogy Section at Haggard Library.

Download the membership form on our website <http://genealogyfriends.org/news/> send it in with payment to

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Our Speaker

Our speaker for June is Lynell Moss speaking on "New Features on FamilySearch." Lynell has been involved with family history research for more than 45 years. She was the director of the Plano Family History Center for 12 years, has been training the consultants who serve there for over 18 years and serving there for 25 years. She is the Director of the Great Family Search Conference now in planning for October 22nd in Plano. She has also been indexing historical records for Family Search for 9 years. She is a member of the Dallas Genealogical Society, Texas State Genealogical Society and National Genealogical Society.

Great Family Search Info:

When: October 22, 2016

Where: The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints—Plano Texas Stake
2700 Roundrock Trail
Plano, TX 75075

Conference begins at 9 am.

There is no charge, lunch is available for purchase.

To register complete the form on their website www.greatfamilysearch.com

CHANDLER, ALBERT ORIGINAL MUSTER ROLL

By Joy Gough

Of Fitzhugh's Texas Rangers, 2d Company

Organized in February '48

Well Preserved Document and Commissions of Alfred Chandler Surviving Member

McKinney Democrat, July 14, 1904

Alfred Chandler, one of Collin county's oldest surviving pioneers, has in his possession at his home, three miles west of McKinney, many interesting mementoes of early days in Texas. An extended biographical sketch of his life has heretofore been published in the Courier. Readers will remember that he first came to Collin county in 1843. He served in both companies of Col. Bill Fitzhugh's Texas Rangers, organized in this county as a means of defense for this, then frontier section of country against Indian depredations and to aid in preserving peace and order. Mr. Chandler held a commission as lieutenant in each of these companies. The Courier reporter was shown these commissions, which are printed on sheepskin and each well preserved. His first one is signed by J. Pinckney Henderson, governor and commander-in-chief of the army, the navy and the militia of Texas and is dated at Austin, July 3, 1847. The other one is signed by Gov. Geo. T. Wood and dated April 19, 1848. The signatures of both these early governors are legible and written in bold, plain hands. Mr. Chandler also has the original muster roll of this second company of Fitzhugh's Rangers. It, too, is well preserved. Its membership of nearly one hundred men have nearly all crossed the mystic river to the other shore except Uncle Alfred and his brother, Albert Chandler, who is an honored citizen of the Chambersville community. The names, ages and rank, as shown by this muster roll, now yellow with the flight of fifty-six years that have elapsed since it was written, are as follows:

Commissioned Officers.

Capt. William Fitzhugh, age 29.

Captain William Fitzhugh, aged 29.

First lieutenant Thos. J. McDonald, age 29.

Second lieutenant, Joshua Dillingham, aged 25.

Second lieutenant, Alfred Chandler, age 25.

Non-Commissioned Officers

First sergeant Squire T. Lewis, 25; other sergeants, Davis G. Vincon, 24; James M. Graves, 25; Joseph Turner, 28

Corporals, Joshua Gorham, 24; Philip Anderson, 19; James Stone, 24; Malachi Tucker, 19.

Buglers, Samuel Pritchett, 21, and Elisha W. Bennett, 21.

Privates: Avant, James, aged 20; Baker, Jasper C., aged 21; Barlow, John H., aged 37; Bennett, Lewis C., aged 19; Bolls, William, aged 20; Boutwell, Alexander, aged 24; Brown, Stephen D., aged 22; Brown, Wm. C., aged 42; Caldwell, Thos., aged 36; Canto, Nicholas, aged 23; Chandler, Albert, aged 20; Clark, Edward W., aged 24; Collom, Collin M., aged 21; Cook, David, aged 31; Condi, Patrick H., aged 18; Crutchfield, George, aged 23; Crutchfield, John, aged 24; Daniel, John F., aged 25; DeMay, Charles, aged 31; Driggers, John I., aged 27; Fitzhugh, Gabriel, aged 19; Fitzhugh, Gabriel H., aged 24; Franklin, Daniel I., aged 25; Galloway, Enos I., aged 22; Gibson, William H., aged 28; Gray, John, aged 22; Hedgcoxe, Robert F., aged 22; Harmerson, Zerial L., aged 23; Havens, John, aged 22; Holbough, Hiron, aged 34; Hunter, Burrell, aged 40; Hunter, William P., aged 23; Hunt, John L., aged 18; Keen, Abner M., aged 19; Keen, William H., aged 27; Klag, William, aged 19; Klepper, Daniel, aged 32; Langston, James, aged 19; Loving, William, aged 21; Maloney, John, aged 34; Martin, Silas, aged 31; McKinney, William, aged 30; Musters, James, aged 19; McGarrah, George, aged 30; Mitchell, John, aged 25; Mitchell, Isaac F., aged 19; Moon, William M., aged 17; Mudgett, Myriam, aged 40; Myrick, John, aged 23; O'Neal, Martin, aged 36; Pelham, Thos. E., aged 21; Phillips, Thos, aged 28; Phillips, George, aged 21; Pritchett, Eddy, aged 43; Pennell, Horace R., aged 21; Rice, Paschall H, aged 21; Searcy, Strashly B., aged 23; Searcy, Langston C., 32; Searcy, Christopher, aged 27; Shaban, David, aged 43; Sims, Isaiah, aged 42; Smith, Samuel K., aged 35; Smith, John W.,

Muster Roll, contd

aged 22; Smith, Joshua L., aged 19; Springer, Edward F., aged 27; Stephens, Absolom, aged 19; Strawn, Harper, aged 20; Teal, William, aged 24; Tippin, William, aged 23; Tucker, William B., aged 23; Wethers, James, aged 23; Webster, Marcus L., aged 27; Wheelock, Robert, aged 22; White, William C., aged 26; White, George, aged 27; Wilcox, Joseph, aged 28; Wilcox, James, aged 40; Wilson, Leonidas, aged 22; Witt, Eli W. W., aged 21; Wordly, Joseph, aged 44; Wordly, Berwick, aged 19.

Deaths James Musters, Feb. 7, 1848; Eddie Pritchett, July 1, 1848; Thomas, E. Pelham, July 12, 1848, James Wethers, July 27, 1848; DeMay Charles, Jan. 5. 1848.

All those deaths occurred in a detachment of 44 men, under Lieut. Alfred Chandler, at Hickory Creek, thirty miles from Elm Creek station.

These Rangers were mounted on their own horses, which ranged in value from \$30 to \$100 each. The horse equipments ranged in value from \$15 to \$30.

Furnished Themselves.

A notation was entered on this old muster roll, as follows: "No boy has been furnished by the government for any part of the time, the men furnishing themselves."

Hiring A Researcher

By Brenda Kellow

Do you want to learn about your family, but do not know where to start or maybe there is no one alive to give you any information on deceased family or distant cousins. Do you plan to hire someone to research your family or a particular problem rather than doing the research yourself? If so, you must choose a professional genealogist specializing in what you want such as compiling a family history, finding a record beyond your expertise, uncovering a particular family, preparing for a reunion, or possibly compiling a history for publication. Finding a record is going to much cheaper than compiling a family history or publishing the findings.

Depending on the difficulty of the research, you may want to hire a career genealogists who works 30-70 hours per week. Yet, it is possible someone other than a career genealogist such as a person who does not depend on research salary as their

only income. Examine the Board for Certification of Genealogists (BCG), <http://www.bcgcertification.org/>, to find the professionals who have been tested and approved in various fields. However, someone on the Association of Professional Genealogists (APG) list, <https://www.apgen.org/>, might be a better fit for you. Those in the APG listing have not been tested, but may be exceptional in research, so you will have to check their education background, etc. Always ask for referrals. Do not hesitate to contact the local genealogical society for someone to help you. Their fees will surely be less than those in BCG or APG. The fees may run from \$25-\$75 to over \$100 per hour. You may have to pay upfront, sign a contract, for a specified number of hours for the researcher to work. They will complete your goal, notify you of their findings, and wait until they further hear from you before continuing the research.

Next, you must do some grunt work yourself to present to the professional. Gather what it is you want to find out. Organize it. No genealogist is going to take your job if you do not first consolidate it. Be sure you present everything you know about the subject. Have the proof ready to present, or at least be able to discuss it intelligently. If it is not organized, and a job is accepted, a premium will certainly be charged to organize it. You certainly do not want to be charged for work you have already done yourself.

I needed to find patents from the National Archives before they were on the internet. I hired a professional. Several patents were found and sent to me. I thought I had them all. When the index and records came online, I was able to download two patents I did not have and I found a new one for another ancestor. The moral here is to continually return to recent databases in case you might find more.

The report for searching the patents was a letter stating the goal and the result of the search. It included copies of the patent. I paid for the researcher's time, photocopies, time writing the report and stamps. It cost me much less than a trip to Washington.

There are two samples online at the Heritage Consulting website, <http://tinyurl.com/j6un5hv>. Not all are bound with a cover. Reports vary. Depending on the search, you may receive a pedigree chart and a family group sheet, and the necessary photocopies.

Guidelines to help you determine when it is time to hire a genealogist to fit your needs is online at Genealogy.com, by Myra Vanderpool Gormley, CG, <http://tinyurl.com/zakvfv6>. The subject of hiring a professional genealogist is covered completely at the FamilySearch.org Wiki, <http://tinyurl.com/h7esbtp>.

The above information should give you an idea of what is involved in hiring someone to trust with finding the precious knowledge to take your family back through history or meet your demands. Determine what you want to find, organize what you want the researcher to do, pick the person with the necessary credentials, define the amount you are to spend, and sign the contract. Hiring a stranger to research for you is stressful, but I have been happy with the results with the few I have contracted. Let us know your thoughts about hiring a researcher.

Flashback: Memories of Plano, 1956

By Brenda Kellow

The Plano Star-Courier, Plano, Collin County, Texas
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Compiled by Brenda Burns Kellow, 2016

Tracing Our Roots weekly genealogy column http://starlocalmedia.com/opinion/blogs/blog_7/

Remember, this is an abstract of the newspaper. Not all names are mentioned, i.e., obituaries, showers, and marriages will not have every name mentioned that were in the newspaper. For the complete content, look at the microfilm or find the copy in Newspapers.com.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Keim and their four children are new to the city. Mr. Keim works for the Plano Lumber Yard and lives at 1108 16th Street.

A new stop sign was installed on J Avenue at 15th Street. Parking on J is restricted.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Dugger returned from his home state of Tennessee to hand all of us at the Rotary Club a stalk of tobacco. Mr. Dugger is owner of Dugger Motors, the local Ford agency.

Rev. Edgar Huffstutler, President of United Fund Organization announced that Plano, Wylie, McKinney have employed the United Fund Drive.

Walter D. Cobb of Frisco died at the City-County Hospital in McKinney with interment at Rowlett Cemetery. He was born in Forney on September 23, 1887, and married Miss Univew Davis. He is survived by his wife and seven daughters, but only Mrs. Grady Cothes lives in Plano. Surviving are also six grandchildren, two brothers and four sisters.

At the half-time show football game between Plano and Wylie, the band will put on a Western Show. They will also march in the Horse Show on Saturday morning.

Graves Dress Shop in Downtown Plano will conduct a photo contest on Monday and Tuesday, September 17 and 18. The contest will be for children between one month and 12 years of age. There will be \$100 in prizes given away.

Horton's Grocery and Market begins offering special bargains on Monday. They deliver twice daily at 10 and 4 p.m.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil White announce the adoption of Stephen Jarome, born August 9. Mrs. White is the daughter of Mrs. Clara Moore of Dallas. Mr. White is the son of Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Jack White of Plano.

Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Richardson announce the arrival of a son, Roger Gene, on September 11 in Roswell, New Mexico. Little Roger is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Vertries Richardson of Plano. His sisters are Kay and Candace.

Mr. and Mrs. P.C. Stoneman recently moved from their farm north of Plano to their new home on K Avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Jolly and daughter Nancy moved into their new home on Haggard Street.

The local Salvation Army committee is composed of Chairman Rev. Dan Cummings, Roy Murrell, A. C. Taylor, and B. B. Carpenter.

A prayer group begins at Plano High School. Each morning there is a prayer session and sing-song with guest speaker and special music. Student officers Ralph Walker, president, Norman Nickolson, vice-president, and Miss Sonja Graves, secretary, Miss Laurana Rice, pianist, and Miss Judy Landers, song leader.

Rev. Hugh Durham is the new pastor of Liberty Baptist Church replacing Rev. W. S. Spearman who resigned recently. Rev. Durham begins September 23.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Phipps announced the arrival of Kathy Jo born September 6. Her brother is Dennis Layne, age 4.

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The Fourth Annual Plano Lions Club Horse Show is this weekend, September 14th and 15th. The big show starts at the Marina at 1 p.m. Art Stanz says that two units of the 49th Armored Division will be present.

The Plano Library is open from 3-5 on Fridays announced Mrs. Gladys Harrington. The Library is in the Community House. Miss Vivian Rhea Newsome is the librarian.

Otho "Fatty" Nitcholas is the new sales person at Nathan White Department Store. He was formerly the police chief of McKinney. His wife is employed at Eastman Products. Their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Hall Taylor and son Nicky are residents, living on L Avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Lewis returned from a vacation in the Rocky Mountains.

Mrs. W. L. Haire wrote a letter to the paper concerning the terrible Farm to Market Roads in the county.

p. 2 Vivian Gullede and Vivian Rhea Newsome thank everyone for their kindness after the death of their mother and grandmother.

p. 3 George Bagwill of Harrisburg, Illinois, visited his nephew Arthur A. Bagwill and Don W. Bagwill, and brother of D. W. Bagwill.

Mrs. Addie Burrow of McKinney was brought home last week to recover from an illness at the home of her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Don Bagwill.

D. W. Bagwill is recovering at the home of his daughter, Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Melton. He is the father of Arthur A. and Don W. Bagwill of Plano.

Mrs. Oddie Ross of Tyler is visiting her sister Mrs. Dick Sheridan and husband.

Mrs. Lucy Bennett of Dallas, formerly of Plano, visited here last week.

p. 4 The Bryan Family held their 20th Family Reunion last week, August 26. Attending were the families of Haun, Bryan, Crowder, Pollan, Coats, Ruge, Glenn, Stagner, Hays, and Lannon.

Col. Joe E. Davis was recently announced those making commanding officer in the A&M cadet corps. From Plano was Captain George B. Crane, C Infantry.

Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Birch and sons Ronnie and David recently returned from a trip to Iowa where they were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Edmunson and their three sons, formerly of Plano.

The first meeting of the Band Boosters of Plano met Tuesday night at the Band House. Officers are Frank Price, Thermon Henderson, Mrs. T. D. Prince, and Mrs. E. L. Sherrill. The members wish to thank Joe Bill Griffin, owner of Griffin Motor Company, Oldsmobile dealer, for the services of his truck to be taken to every band trip this year.

Principal Sharp noted the school year began at 8:30 sharp on September 4. Mrs. A. M. DeShay conducted group singing, followed by scripture and prayer by Mr. DeShay.

p. 5 Mrs. W. T. Willcut of Dallas visited Mr. and Mrs. Arthur A. Bagwill Sunday afternoon.

The final approval of the drawings for the Collin County Hospital has been approved. The modern air conditioned 100-bed hospital will be on a 12 acre tract of land in Northwest McKinney.

Bobby and Billy Charles and their friend Miss Shirley Butler of Dallas visited the newspaper office Saturday.

R. W. "Richard" Sartain of the U. S. Navy visited with friends and family in Plano recently. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Sartain and a recent Plano High School graduate.

Marshall Wallace Williams and night watchman Dick Sheridan arrested two men after they were caught last week burglarizing Dugger Motor Company.

p. 6 The Plano Garden Club held its first meeting on September 4 at the home of Mrs. George W. Jones. Mrs. Jno. Salmon assisted. Mrs. James Robinson was vice president. Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Albert Goodson furnished the arrangements. Mrs. George Roper was the speaker. New members were Mrs. Frank Pasino, Mrs. Frances Kelly, and

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Mrs. James R. Miller.

Boyd Williams of McKinney visited this office.

- p. 7 Mrs. Ruth Deason returned to her home in Plano from Tacoma where she visited with her son-in-law and daughter Cpl. James Ray Wright and their 17-month-old son, Don. Cpl. Wright expects to return to Plano in December and resume his position at the Greenville Avenue Bank after his discharge.
- p. 8 Frisco beat Coach C. E. Massey's Plano Wildcats Friday night. Plano's defensive team included Ralph Walker, Gerald Burton, Dan Stout, Larry Dunn, Claiborne Gregory, Kenneth Rawlings, Billy Slayden, J. W. Gregory, Philip Taylor, Dan Slayden, Macky Christian. Offensive team included Melvin Bozeman, Joe Wiser, John Calvert, Billy Yandry, Charles Bader, Jack O. Harrington, James Uselton, Pinky Allman, and R. M. Loftice. Don Gunn was quarterback. Football Sweetheart Judy Landers came onto the field at half-time escorted by Pinky Allman and Don Gunn who gave her red roses from D & D Flower Shop. Assisting in the crowning ceremony were Misses Sonja Graves, Edna Raines, Linda Wheeler and Jolly Whitman.

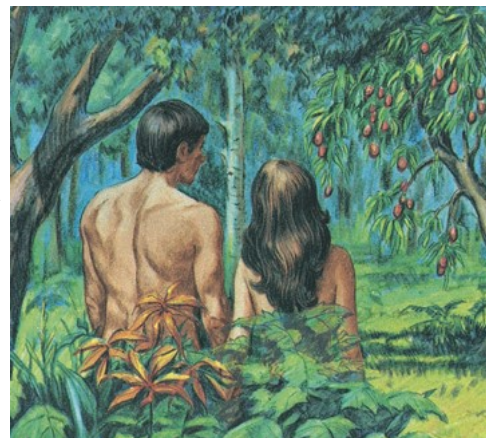
Dr. Myers of McKinney presided over the Baptist Workers Conference at Allen, Monday night. Dr. T. C. Gardner was the speaker.

So, You Have Researched Back to Adam and Eve, Really

By Brenda Burns Kellow

When Robert C. Gunderson, a Senior Royalty Research Specialist now deceased, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (the Mormons) was asked if such research was possible, he answered, "The simplest answer is No." Read his entire statement at <http://tinyurl.com/jxuc9fe>. I agree with him.

So how do some genealogists claim their lines go back to biblical times and even Adam and Eve? In Gunderson's article in The Ensign Magazine, February 1984, he stated that connecting to biblical times is impossible. Internationally acclaimed genealogist Michael Leclerc declared in his Genealogy News blog, www.Mocavo.com, that there just is not documentation available because of the "wide-ranging gaps. In addition, leaps of six or seven hundred years are not exactly conducive to quality work. Stick to documentable facts and do your research and you will have ancestors that you can reliably prove to share with your family."



Francois Weil, author of "Family Trees: A History of Genealogy in America," agrees with Leclerc and Gunderson that it is impossible to connect to families before 500 A.D. See also, <http://tinyurl.com/p5o93mc>.

Other acclaimed genealogists say similar things relating to research into biblical times. There have been some recent discussions as to how far one can trace their lines because on the FamilySearch trees some lines have gone back to Adam and Eve. Even the Family History Library's professional researchers and FamilySearch research specialists place limits on tracing family histories earlier than 500 A.D. as impossible and probably made-up. FamilySearch Blog author Nathan W. Murphy writes about his thoughts in the blog at <https://familysearch.org/blog/en/family-tree-adam-eve/>.

Research Back to Adam and Eve

Gary T. Horlacher wrote an article in 2001 in *ProGenealogists* explaining the difficulties and impossibilities of researching further back, especially those claiming to connect with Adam and Eve. You can access this at <http://genealogysstar.blogspot.com/2010/01/back-to-adam.html>. I do not know why FamilySearch.org does not remove the inaccurate genealogies on their site, but I must say that many lineage societies approved some family lines until later research disproved them. They remain closed until further proof is submitted. Maybe FamilySearch will do the same. Anyone can make a mistake.

Over the years, I personally have researched many of my lines, both the paternal and maternal sides. Some lines are much easier to research than others are. I have one line only back to 1810. I just cannot find the proof on this line any further back. On another line, the Brown line no less, I can only prove back to 1860. Other lines are rather easy to research, and proof abounds, but it often depends on the amount of county records available.

A few of those lines go back into the 1600s in England, Cornwall and France. Several of my ancestors who came to America in the 1600s were descended from royalty and were landed gentry, a British social class that lived off rental property. From there I was able to research back several centuries connecting to Charlemagne. I submitted documented proof to a Charlemagne lineage society to solidify my research and was accepted into the society.

When I was in Cornwall, I took my husband's line back to about 1535 in the vital records and church documents available in the Cornwall Record Office (CRO). By using the history books available at the CRO, I was able to trace the Kellow line back a couple more centuries. Those early histories even talked about the home and grounds they lived on. There was even a watercolor of the farm and lands surrounding it. We followed the directions from the histories and were pleasantly surprised when we reached the top of a hill. Beyond was the home place. It looked very much like the drawing in the history books. Although very old, it had been well kept over the centuries, had a fresh coat of paint and farm animals were in manicured fields. They still call it "Kellow Farm."

Researchers must understand that although I used the ancient Cornish history books to go back further than the vital records and other court and church documents at CRO, the words in the history books are the only proof I have. There is no other documentation or proof for that time. However, the directions did lead to a Kellow farm and house that looked like the drawing.

Do not be a "gatherer." Be a genealogist/family historian who "proves" he/she can connect to each person every step of the way. If you still doubt researching earlier than 500 A. D., read what limits the scholars put on the likely number of generations. Some say it might be possible to actually document to 500, but really only proof exists in the vital records available through 1500. Please read these. I have also covered this topic in past *Tracing Our Roots* columns. Remember, do not just gather, demand proof.

