The Stuggle is Real!

Believe me, I feel your pain. I am having such a time verifying information regarding the birth of one of my relatives. Turns out there happened to be three Moses La Fontaines born in the beginning of the 1830s: one born in upstate New York, one in Michigan, and one in Canada. As I’m sure you’ve discovered, it was especially common among our ancestors that fathers’ names were passed down a generation, or two, or more. Well, wouldn’t you know it? Each of the three Moses La Fontaines I found had a son named Moses La Fontaine! How am I supposed to keep track of who’s who? How can I organize my information to avoid confusion?

Speaking of confusing, I believe that my Ancestry family tree is only 85% correct. So, I’ve decided to start all over again with a new tree in a different program. Beyond my own desire for accuracy, I’m feeling some pressure because I have two relatives who have now expressed a serious interest in my records. And then, here I am, BGS president; I mean seriously, my records had better be accurate!

Like many endeavors, there really isn’t just one way that works for everyone. Recently I was talking to our vice president, Catherine Dulzo, about citations and organization. I have always admired her system, so I plan to tailor her system to what I am comfortable doing, which is creating file folders on my computer. The citations for each person will be kept in their file. I have one folder named “Family Tree,” then inside that folder I have a folder named “La Fontaine,” and inside that folder I now have “Moses 1831,” which is where my citations for him will go. I decided that if I just have the first name and the year of their birth within the family folder, that works fine for me.

Perhaps you’re looking for a way to organize your information in a way that works for you? The BGS education committee is currently developing a program on organization. We are considering having a panel of experienced BGS members who could briefly describe their systems, then answer questions. After that, we could break into groups and work together. Think of it as an old-fashioned sewing group that would help one another make family quilts, only we are a genealogy group that helps each other stitch together our family heritages. Let me know what you think!
**Newsworthy**

The New York Genealogical and Biographical Society reports, “One of the most significant developments to hit the genealogy world in the past few years has been the increased access to Catholic records online.” Find out more in this article: “New York Catholic records online: What you need to know.”

According to Family History Daily, “Many people are unaware of the fact that not all of Ancestry’s records show up in search.” Learn how to find them in this article: “Ancestry Has Thousands of ‘Invisible’ Records You Can’t Find With A Search.”

The Genealogist, a UK-based genealogy site is releasing the field books and detailed annotated maps for Kensington and Chelsea — a resource, says the Family History Social site, that can be used to find where an ancestor lived in 1910 as part of a records set, “The Lloyd George Domesday Survey.” Learn more: “Kensington & Chelsea 1910 Lloyd George Domesday Records with Maps.”

**March Webinars**


**Wed., March 13 at 5 p.m.** “Reclaim the Records: Using Freedom of Information Laws for Genealogy”

**Tues., March 19 at 5 p.m.** “The Five-story Fall: Correlating Indirect and Direct Evidence to Extend the Pedigree”

**Wed., March 20 at 11 a.m.** “One African-American Family’s Story of Migration from the South: A Boarding House in Detroit”

**Fri., March 22 at 11 a.m.** “A Terrible Malady: Disease and Epidemics in New England”

**Wed., March 27 at 11 a.m.** “No Purchase Necessary: Free Genealogy Tools for Your iPad/iPhone”

Webinars are free on the day of the live broadcast and for one week afterwards. Register for any upcoming webinar [HERE](#).

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Why Join a Lineage or Hereditary Society?

Presented by Alice Miles, Past State Regent, Oregon DAR

While the Daughters of the American Revolution and the General Society of Mayflower Descendants are among the most well known, hundreds of lineage societies (aka hereditary societies) exist in North America. Some of the oldest, largest, and best-known hereditary societies are those with membership based on the military service of an ancestor. Other types of societies include those devoted to early settlers and ships, Colonial times, nationality/ethnicity, religion, and royal/baronial ancestry.

Although pride of ancestral prominence is a popular reason for joining a lineage society, there are so many more benefits worth considering. Alice Miles, past State Regent of the Oregon Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, member of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants, and others, will discuss these benefits and share her insights on the importance of lineage societies and what it takes to join one.

Book Nook

At a recent meeting of the BGS German Interest Group, Maggy Wilcox recommended the “fascinating and very readable” book, Becoming German: The 1709 Palatine Migration to New York by Philip Otterness. Here are some excerpts from Amazon.com’s summary:

“The so-called Palatine migration of 1709 began in the western part of the Holy Roman Empire, where perhaps as many as thirty thousand people left their homes, lured by rumors that Britain’s Queen Anne would give them free passage overseas and land in America...” (These rumors proved to be false!)

“In his book[,] Otterness demonstrates that the Palatines cannot be viewed as a cohesive ‘German’ group until after their arrival in America; indeed, they came from dozens of distinct principalities in the Holy Roman Empire. It was only in refusing to assimilate to British colonial culture—instead maintaining separate German-speaking communities and mixing on friendly terms with Native American neighbors—that the Palatines became German in America.”
Oregon Happenings
Genealogy Events Around the State

Saturday, March 16, 2019 at 2:15 p.m.
Following American Migrations: The First 100 Years
FREE GFO GenTalk with Patricia Oberndorf
From the end of the Revolutionary War through the 19th century, Americans and immigrants moved westward from the eastern seaboard to the interior and ultimately to the far west coast. Ms. Oberndorf will discuss who moved westward, why they moved, the routes they may have taken, and the things you may discover about them along the way. More info HERE.

Saturday, March 23, 2019
Oregon Genealogical Society’s Spring Seminar with Janice Sellers
Seminar topics:
• So You Found Them in the Census: That’s Only the Start!
• Ashes to Ashes, Dust to Dust: What’s Buried in Cemetery Records
• Immigration and Naturalization Research
Details & fees HERE.

Friday – Saturday, March 29 – 30, 2019
Bend Genealogical Society’s Spring Seminar with Warren Bittner
Friday Workshop:
• Researching German Family History
Saturday Seminar:
• The Web of Evidence: Proof & Disproof
• Death Records as a Starting Point
• Ten Genealogical Lessons I Learned the Hard Way
• Exhausting Research to Find an Impossible Immigrant
See pages 7 & 8 for details, fees, registration form.

Friday – Saturday, April 19 – 20, 2019
Rogue Valley Genealogical Society presents
DNA Workshop & Seminar
with Blaine Bettinger, PhD, J.D. aka “The Genetic Genealogist”
• Using Autosomal DNA for 18th & 19th Century Mysteries
• Using Y-DNA & mtDNA to Explore Your Ancestry
• Using GEDmatch and DNA Painter to Analyze Your Autosomal DNA
• Advanced Third Party Tools
• The Danger of Distant Matches
Smullin Center, Medford
Open registration form & fees are found HERE.

Saturday – Sunday, April 27 – 28, 2019
GFO Spring Seminar: Discover Your Roots with Tony Burroughs
Saturday topics:
• Six Phases of African American Genealogy
• Black Biographies, Autobiographies & Family Histories
• From Census to Slavery
• Mixing Online & Offline Sources
Sunday topics:
• Farmers, Tenant Farmers & Sharecroppers
• Forty Acres and a Mule: Hidden Land Records in the National Archives
Details & fees HERE.

DON’T DELAY — JOIN OR RENEW TODAY!
The BGS membership year is from June 1 – May 31. Now through Apr. 30, memberships are half price — only $10. Plus, your membership could pay for itself! By renewing or becoming a new BGS member by March 25th, you’ll receive a $5 to $15 discount on registration fees for our Spring Seminar with award-winning Certified Genealogist®, Warren Bittner.
The membership form is available HERE. You can mail it, drop it off at the BGS Library (see library hours, p. 6), or bring it when you come to hear Alice Miles on March 19.
Immigration & Naturalization Workshop  
with Gary Putnam

Tue., March 5, 2 p.m. – 4 p.m. This workshop will explain how to access immigration and naturalization records available on Ancestry.com, My Heritage, and The Ellis Island Foundation; and how to glean valuable genealogical information from those records to utilize in unlocking “brick walls” regarding immigrant ancestors and their relatives. Particular emphasis will be on late-nineteenth and early-twentieth century immigrants through Ellis Island, Boston, New Orleans, and other ports of entry, as well as border crossings from Canada and Mexico.

Beginning Genealogy  
with Pat Kliewer

Held the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month, 6 p.m. – 8 p.m., each session is tailored to the individuals in attendance and includes research practices applicable to the evening’s topics. Registration is preferred, but not required; drop-ins welcome! WiFi is available. Upcoming sessions: March 7 & 21, April 4 & 18.

DNA Interest Group  
with Gary Putnam & Sandy Thompson

You’ve taken a test, now what? Come join us as we work on our questions together to learn more about our genetic genealogy. These sessions are held noon – 2 p.m. the 3rd Tuesday of the month, immediately following the BGS general meeting. Bring your lunch if you’d like! Upcoming sessions: March 19 & April 16.

German Heritage Interest Group  
with Sandy Thompson

We are learning how to research our German ancestors together. Bring your questions and share resources you’ve used in finding your German family. Upcoming sessions: Wed., March 20, 2 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.; Wed., April 17, 2 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Writers Group  
with Sally Brown

Join host Sally Brown and develop your writing skills. Topics are suggested below, but you can write on any subject you want. You can request critiques, ask for help, or just express yourself with others who share the same passion. Meetings are held the 4th Tuesday of the month, 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Upcoming sessions and topics:
- March 26 – A special kiss
- April 23 – Anyone who was a “character”
- May 28 – Jokes or Jokesters

Need help with your family history?
BGS offers one-on-one mentoring

If you need help with your own genealogy, or know someone who is interested in learning about genealogy, try BGS Mentoring. It’s available year-round, you don’t have to be a member to schedule an appointment, and it’s free of charge.

Mentoring sessions are held in the BGS Library in Williamson Hall. Wi-Fi is available, so you can bring your own device and and work alongside the mentor if you’d like.

Making a Mentoring Appointment

Appointment request forms are available at meetings, in the BGS Library, and at our website HERE. The web form can be filled in online and forwarded by attaching it to an email to bgs@bendbroadband.com. In the subject line, type “Attn. Mentoring Coordinator.”

When requesting an appointment, be sure that your preferred date and time coincide with BGS Library hours: Tuesdays & Wednesdays, 1:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m., and Thursdays 10:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Your appointment will be confirmed via email.

To register for Beginning Genealogy, or for more information about any group or class...
Go to Bend Genealogy on MeetUp, call (541) 317-9553, or email bgs@bendbroadband.com

All opportunities are free and open to everyone.
With over 3,000 genealogical books and journals representing nearly all U.S. states and many nations around the world, the BGS Library is a terrific resource for any family history researcher. Not only do we have wonderful volunteers available to help, you can streamline your search ahead of time by reviewing our library’s holdings online. Click HERE to go to our library search page where you can view our collections by category or title.

At the library, you’ll find a BGS volunteer to help direct you. Wi-Fi is available, so bring your device and work on your lineage with our resources right at your fingertips!

Library Hours

- Tuesday 1:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- Wednesday 1:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- Thursday 10:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Occasionally, a volunteer is not available to open the library. Call ahead of your visit to be sure someone is there.

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Many thanks to our dedicated February library volunteers: Jae Haynes, Cindy Larson, George Warren, Gary Putnam, Lori Hill, and Valerie Munson.

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Thank you for your support!
Bend Genealogical Society’s
TWO-DAY SPRING SEMINAR
Friday & Saturday, March 29 & 30
Featuring Warren Bittner, CG®
Award-winning genealogist and educator

German Research Workshop
Friday, March 29
2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
For anyone interested in researching German ancestors
• A presentation on one topic of German ancestry research
• Q&A Workshop — Bring your questions! Mr. Bittner is a German research specialist.

Registration is required for both events. See page 10 for details.

Friday afternoon’s workshop will be held at
Williamson Hall
2200 NE Highway 20, Bend

Saturday Seminar Presentations
Saturday, March 30
9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
For beginning through advanced genealogists
• The Web of Evidence: Proof & Disproof
• Death Records as a Starting Point
• Ten Genealogical Lessons I Learned the Hard Way
• Exhausting Research to Find an Impossible Immigrant

Saturday Seminar includes lunch.

Saturday’s seminar will be held at the
LDS Church
60800 Tekampe Road, Bend

Seating is limited for this premier event. Register today!

Registration Deadline — March 25
Registration form and fees are available on the following page as well as at our website: BGS Spring Seminar
Or, for more information, call BGS at (541) 317-9553 or email bgs@bendbroadband.com
Bend Genealogical Society’s Spring Seminar 2019
March 29 – 30 | Featuring Warren Bittner, CG®

Friday, March 29 — German Workshop
Williamson Hall, 2200 NE Highway 20, Bend
1:45 p.m. Check in
Visit with your friends and enjoy light snacks.
2:00 p.m. Workshop begins
One presentation by Mr. Bittner (a specialist in German ancestry research), followed by a Q & A workshop
5:00 p.m. Workshop concludes

Registration includes:
• One presentation followed by a Q&A workshop
• All materials

QUESTIONS?
Call BGS: (541) 317-9553
Email BGS: bgs@bendbroadband.com

Mail payment and completed form to:
Bend Genealogical Society
P.O. Box 8524
Bend, OR 97708-8254
Registrations will be confirmed by email.

Saturday, March 30
Saturday Seminar
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
60800 Tekampe Road, Bend
Coffee and tea are not permitted in the church.
9:00 a.m. Check in
Visit with your friends. Breakfast is not provided.
9:20 a.m. Seminar Begins
Two morning presentations
Lunch
Two afternoon presentations
3:00 p.m. Seminar concludes

Registration includes:
• Four presentations with Q&A time
• All seminar materials
• Lunch — Sandwich bar, salad, fruit, and dessert
Cold beverages all day, but no hot coffee or tea

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BGS Spring Seminar 2019 Events Registration Form
Registration Deadline – March 25

Name: ____________________________________________

Address: ____________________________________________
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Email: ____________________________________________

Phone: ____________________________________________

Registration for:  □ Friday Workshop  □ Saturday Seminar

Amount enclosed: $ __________

Registration Fees (per person)

BGS Members
□ $25 – Friday Workshop Only
□ $45 – Saturday Seminar Only
□ $55 – Friday & Saturday

Non-Members
□ $30 – Friday Workshop Only
□ $60 – Saturday Seminar Only
□ $70 – Friday & Saturday

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