

Genealogy: Get to Know Your Family History

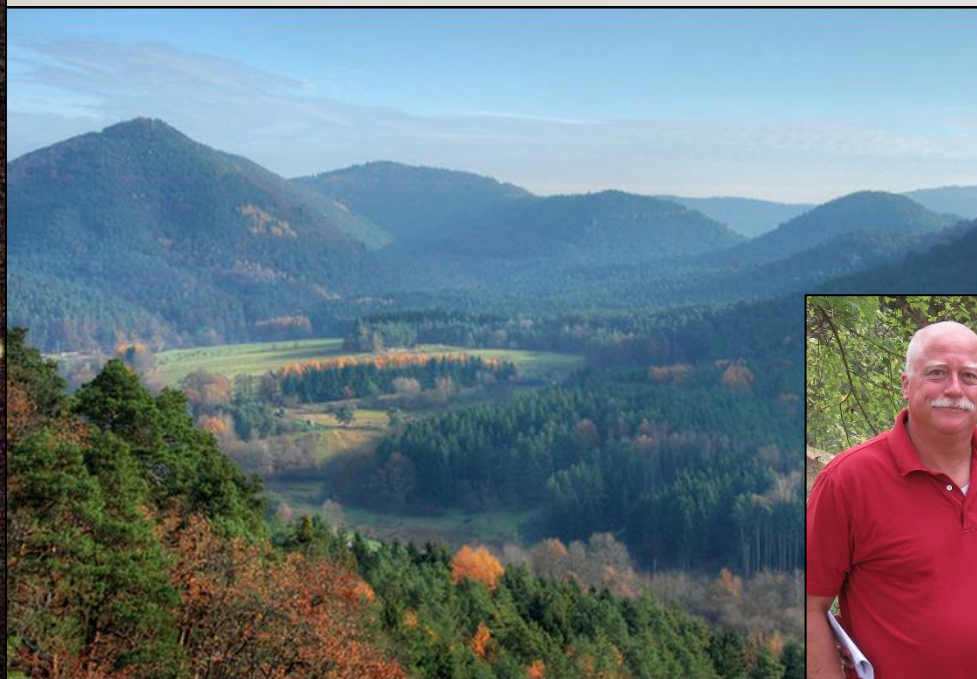
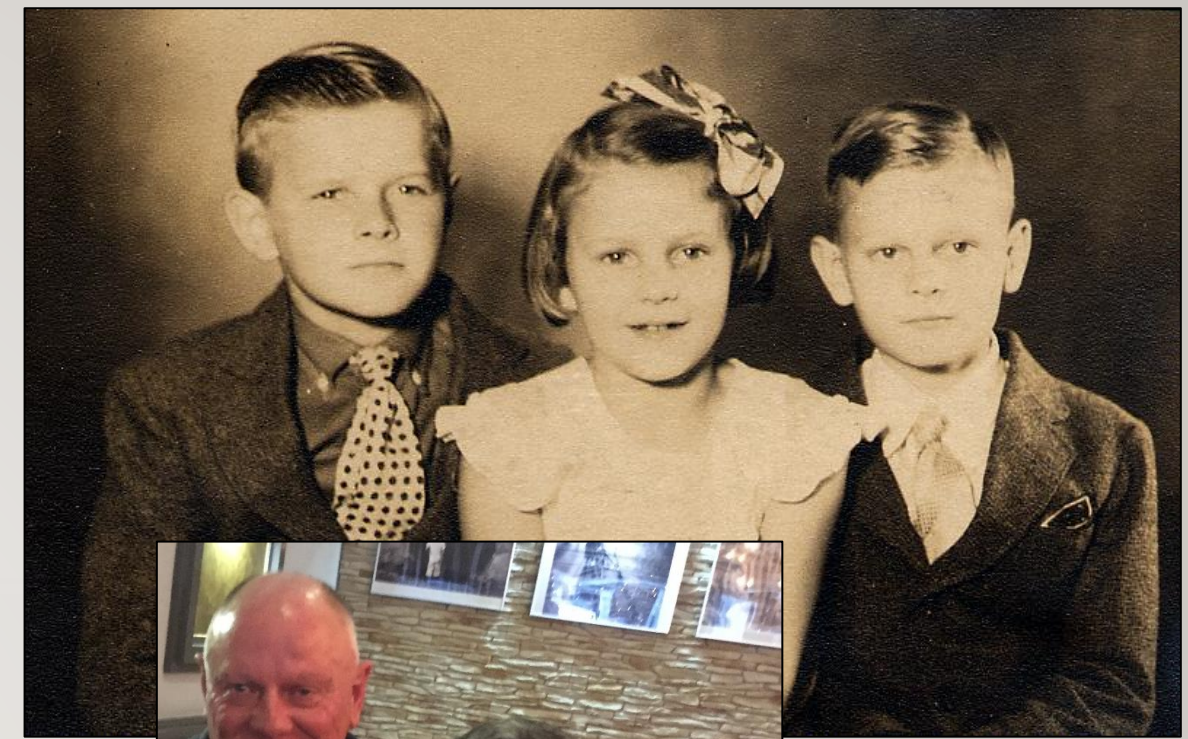
A free seminar led by retired lawyer and longtime amateur genealogist, Mark Fraley. Come learn the tools and tips of family history research!



This is the perfect next step for anyone who has taken a DNA test kit!

GENEALOGY

A LIFETIME ADVENTURE



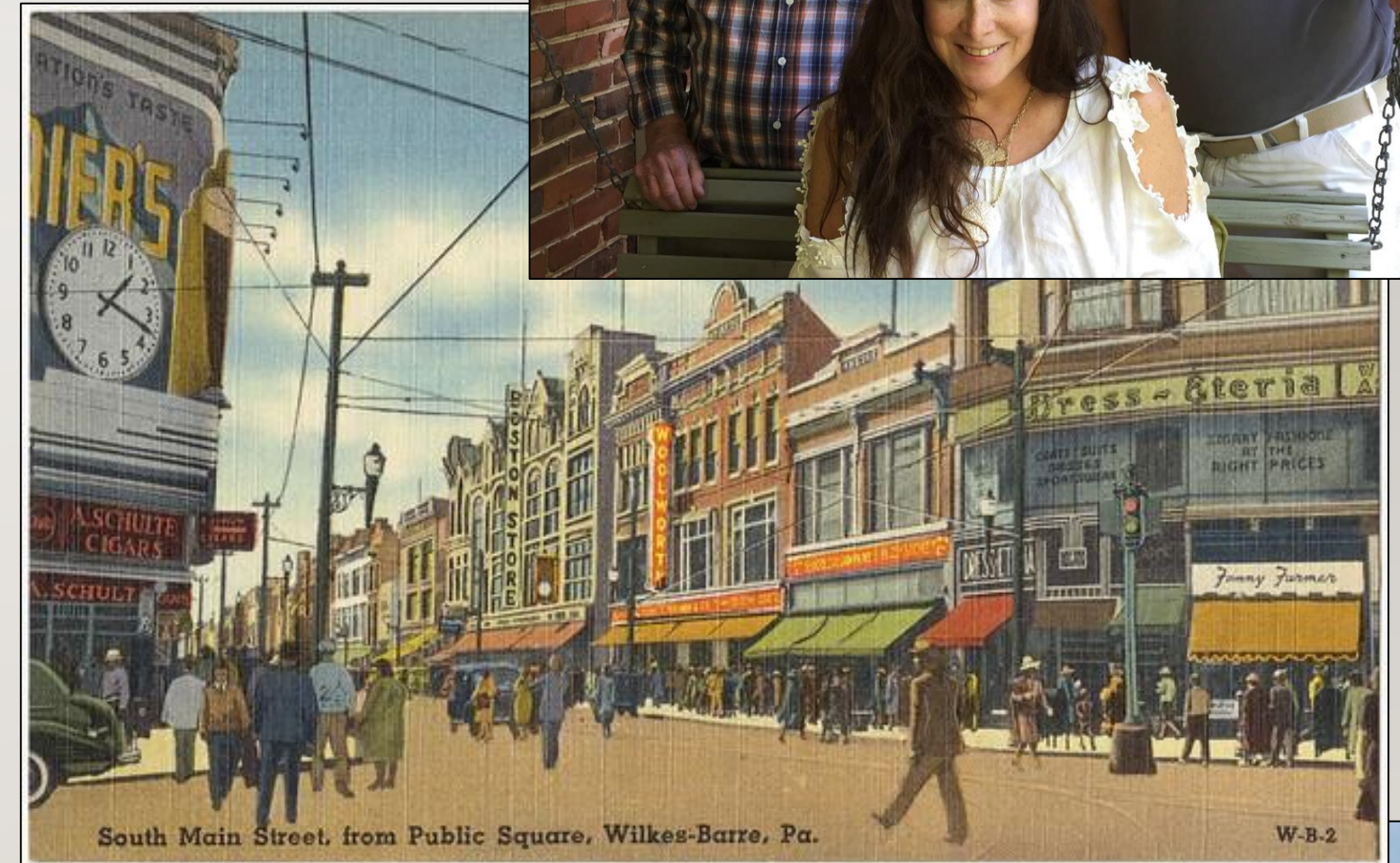
MY FAMILY HISTORY RESEARCH JOURNEY

- In high school I started talking to my grandparents about their family origins.
- Early on, I went to the National Library and Archives looking at census records on microfilm.
- I traveled to Wilkes-Barre to find church records.
- I hired a researcher in Salt Lake City.




A WONDERFUL HOBBY

- Meet interesting people who are related to you (both living and deceased)
- Go places that you have never been and add meaning to travel
- Answer (or try to) questions about ethnic origins and other family mysteries
- Gain added insight into history (Irish Famine, German religious strife, Slavery, the Civil War)



THIS THING WE CALL A FAMILY TREE

A PEDIGREE CHART



NATIONAL GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY®

FOUNDED 1903

YOUR FATHER

Name

Birth Date

Birth Place

Death Date

Death Place

Marriage Date

Marriage Place

YOU

Name

Birth Date

Birth Place

Marriage Date

Marriage Place

YOUR MOTHER

Name

Birth Date

Birth Place

Death Date

Death Place

Four Generation Pedigree Chart

PATERNAL GREAT-GRANDFATHER

Name

Birth Date / Place

Death Date / Place

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A FAMILY GROUP SHEET



NATIONAL GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY®

Family Group Sheet

Name and/or Date

Place

Husband:

Born:

Married:

Died:

Buried:

Other Marriage:

Husband's Father:

Husband's Mother:

Wife:

Born:

Died:

Buried:

Other Marriage:

Wife's Father:

Wife's Mother:

1st Child:

Male: ☐ Female: ☐

Born:

Died:

Buried:

Spouse:

Date of Marriage:

2nd Child:

Male: ☐ Female: ☐

Born:

Died:

Buried:

Spouse:

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Died:

Buried:

Spouse:

Date of Marriage:

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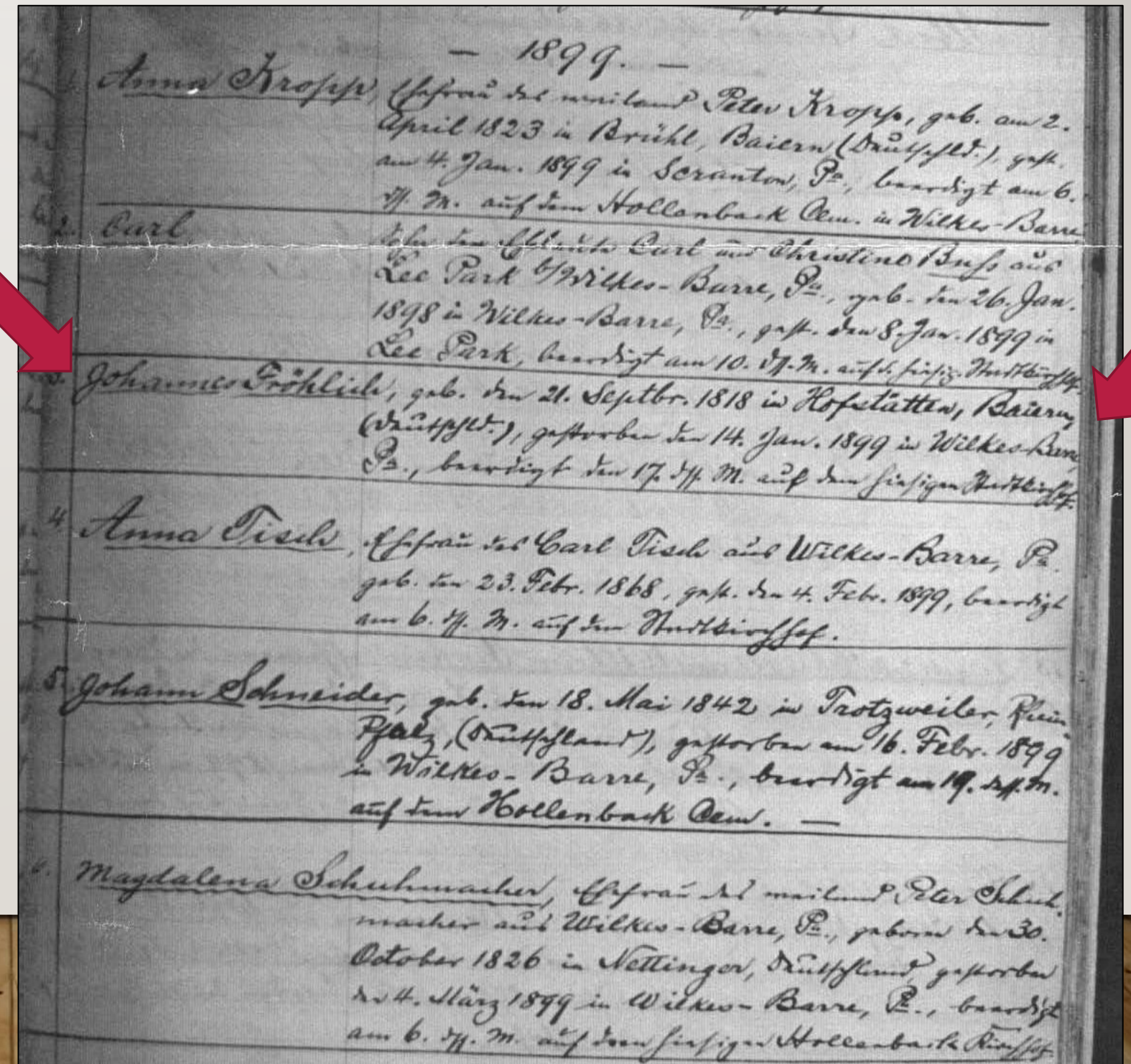
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“GENEALOGY WITHOUT DOCUMENTATION IS MYTHOLOGY”

THE OLD FASHION WAY

- Research in libraries, church basements, microfilm reels
- Correspondence with Vital statistics offices
- Keeping records and documents in 3 ring binders



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Mark Fraley Family History Site - Family Tree Maker 2017

Mark Fraley Famil... Plan People Places Media Sources Publish Web Search

File Edit View Person Tools Help

Tree Person

Index: 9,555

Sort: Family, Given Name

Find:

Ayers, Mary
Ayers, Mary
Ayers, Mary Catherine
Ayers, Michael
Ayers, Michael A.
Ayers, Nancy "Ann"
Ayers, Richard
Ayers, Robert E
Ayers, Ruth Charmagne
Ayers, Stewart M.
Ayers, William
Ayres, Agnes
Ayres, Anna
Ayres, Anna
Ayres, Catherine
Ayres, Charles
Ayres, David
Ayres, Eddie
Ayres, Edward William
Ayres, Eliz
Ayres, Elizabeth
Ayres, Elizabeth
Ayres, Ellen

Filter... Apply Save...

Saved Lists: No Saved Lists

Index

Bookmarks

History

John A. Ayers

Nancy "Ann" Ayers 1833 - 1918

John Cavanaugh

Anna Butler

John A. & Anna

John Cavanaugh

Born: Ireland

Died: Dec 1859

Taylor, Lackawanna, Pennsylvani...

Nancy "Ann" Ayers

Born: 1833

Queens County now County Laois ...

Died: 13 Jul 1918

Wilkes-Barre, PA

Marriage:

Go	Children: 3	Sex	Birth	Death
◀	Mary Teresa Cavanaugh	F	14 Sep 1857 in Pottsville...	10 Oct 1942 in Plains T...
◀	John Cavanaugh	M	15 Jul 1858 in Tuscarora...	25 Apr 1928 in Nanticok...
◀	David F Cavanaugh	M	09 Jun 1859 in Wilkes-B...	28 Jun 1950 in Wilkes-B...

Add Child

Next: Mary Teresa

Press Ctrl+Enter to add or edit the next person

Customize View...

IN THE DIGITAL AGE

- Computer programs to keep up with your tree and supporting documentation
- Online research services to explore massive amounts of digital data available
- DNA testing

INTERVIEW LIVING RELATIVES.

- FIRST, interview your **LIVING** relatives in the most personal way you can.
- Gather their documents and/or copies:
 - Family bibles
 - Newspaper clippings
 - Obits, wedding pictures
 - Immigration paperwork
- Get pertinent statistical data.
 - Dates of birth, death, marriage, etc.
- Connect with others who research your family.
 - Find out what they have.
 - Get a sense of whether they are serious and trustworthy researchers.



CHOOSE YOUR DIGITAL PLATFORMS.

- Store official tree and supporting documents resident on your own computer.
 - Family Tree Maker
 - Roots Magic
- Chose an Internet Research Provider.
 - Ancestry.com
 - Familysearch.com
- Decide your technical preferences.
 - Public or private file?
 - Sharing?
 - Sync your online research tree with the one resident on your computer?
- Learn what a GEDCOM file is.



GET TO WORK.

Fraley Family Tree



- Sources:

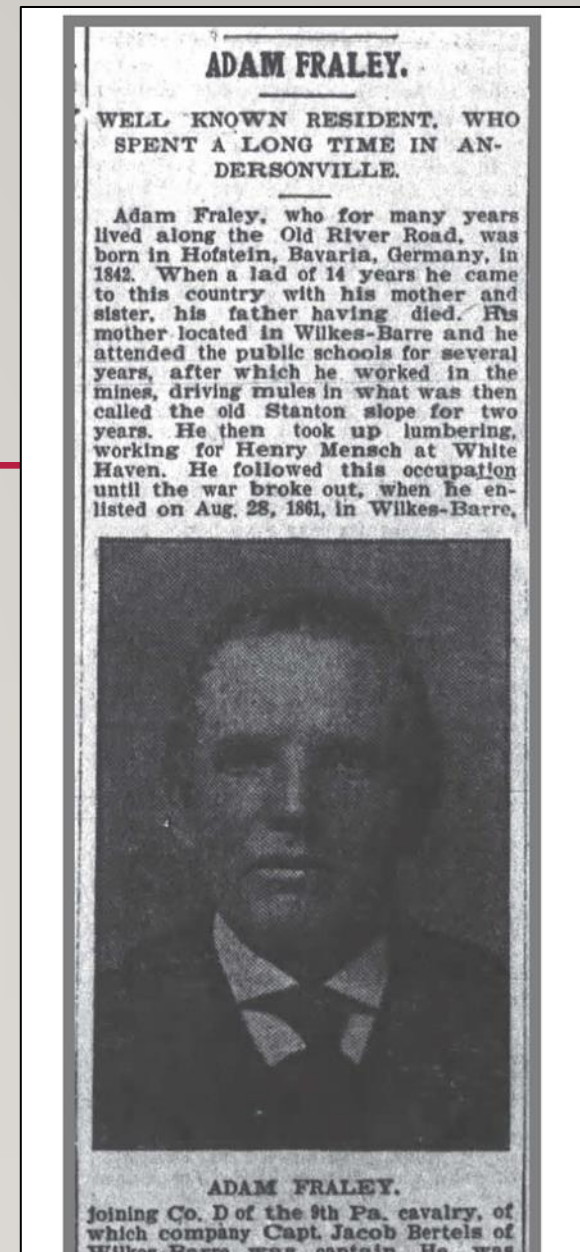
- Census Reports (70-year rule)
- Death Certificates
- Gravestones
- Marriage Records
- Military Records
- Social Security Death Index and Claims Index
- Obituaries
- Probate Records
- Directories
- Foreign Records

- Genealogists' conventions:

- Use maiden names for all women
- Format dates: day/ month/year
- Record collateral lines
- ADOPT OTHER'S RESEARCH CAREFULLY; make it *provisional*

- Old Fashion Research Methods:

- Visit cemeteries
- Visit church basements

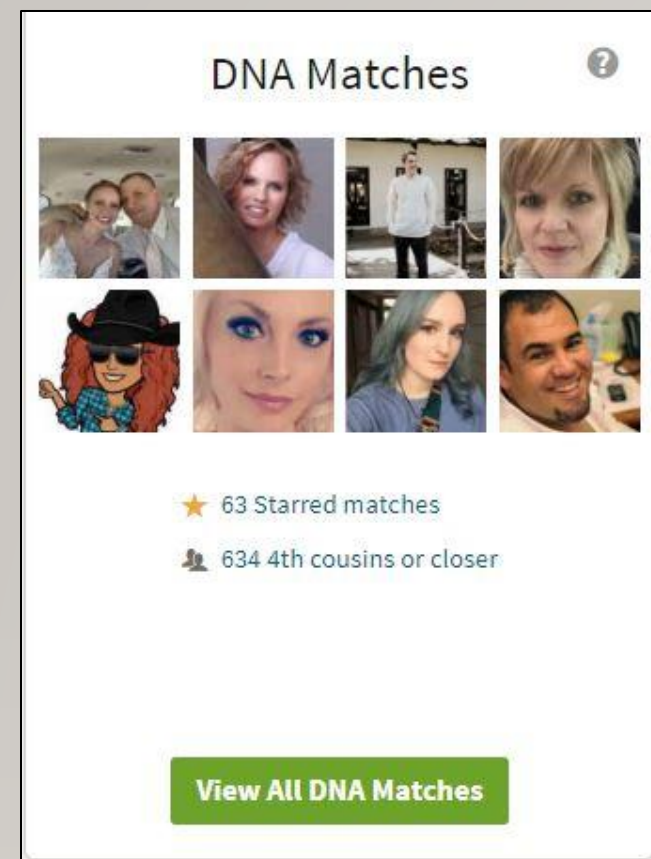


TRICKS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- ✓ Use Familysearch.com to get marriage info and sometimes maiden names.
- ✓ Use Google to search for recent obits and for info on living people.
- ✓ Use Facebook to augment your research.
 - Personal pages; connect with likely relatives
 - Group pages; join and ask questions



DNA TIPS



- Associate a tree with your test.
- Incorporate your DNA matches into your tree if you can.
- Use the Shared Matches feature.
- The new THRULINES feature in Ancestry is very cool.
- Consider filing you DNA data with GEDMATCH.

A screenshot of the 'You and M.R.' page in Ancestry. It shows a profile for 'M.R.' with a photo and a grey circle with 'MR' inside. Text indicates 'M.R.'s test is managed by: warthawg14', 'Predicted relationship: 1st-2nd Cousin', and 'Shared DNA: 818 cM across 37 segments'. There are tabs for 'Trees', 'Ethnicity', and 'Shared Matches'. Below, it says 'How are you and M.R. related?' and 'Common Ancestors' with a green leaf icon. A message states: 'We can't find any common ancestors for you and M.R.. This can happen if your Ancestry family trees aren't linked to your DNA results, or if you don't have the same people in your trees. If we find any common ancestors for you and M.R., you'll be able to see them here.' To the right, under 'Unlinked Tree', it says 'M.R. has an unlinked public tree.' and 'warthawg14 is the manager of M.R.'s DNA test not appear in any of them. Invite warthawg14'. There is a green button 'Contact warthawg14' and a link 'Select a tree to view'. On the right side, there is a 'ThruLines™' section with a diagram showing two overlapping family trees. Below the diagram, it says 'ThruLines uses Ancestry trees to suggest how you may be related to your DNA matches through common ancestors.' and a green button 'Explore ThruLines'.

QUESTIONS, NEXT STEPS

- Everyone has their own journey.
- Family history research is a team sport.
- Join groups that have your same research interests.

