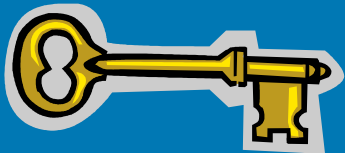


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Don't forget that the MGS Board meets the last Wednesday of the month at 10:00 AM at the Manatee History Records Library in Bradenton (October-May). All members are invited to attend.

ABOUT THE MANASOTA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Our Society meets the 1st Wednesday of each month at the Central Library, located at 1301 Barcarrota Blvd., W., Bradenton, Florida.

We are an electronic society, and our newsletter and all notifications regarding meetings come to our members via email.

Dues are \$15 for an individual and \$20 for a family couple.

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GENEALOGIST'S CHRISTMAS EVE

'Twas the night before Christmas
When all through the house
Not a creature was stirring,
Not even my spouse.

The dining room table with clutter was spread
With pedigree charts and with letters which said...
"Too bad about the data for which you wrote;
Sank in a storm on an ill-fated boat."

Stacks of old copies of wills and such
Were proof that my work had become too much.
Our children were nestled all snug in their beds,
While visions of sugarplums danced in their heads.

And I at my table was ready to drop
From work on my album with photos to crop.
Christmas was here, and such was my lot
That presents and goodies and toys I'd forgot.

Had I not been busy with grandparents' wills,
I'd not have forgotten to shop for such thrills,
While others bought gifts to bring Christmas cheers,
I'd spent time researching those birth dates and years.

While I was thus musing about my sad plight,
A strange noise on the lawn gave me such a great fright.
Away to the window I flew in a flash,
Tore open the drapes and yanked up the sash.

When what with my wondering eyes should appear,
But an overstuffed sleigh and eight small reindeer.
Up to the house top the reindeer they flew,
With a sleigh full of toys and 'ole Santa Claus, too.

And then in a twinkle, I heard on the roof
The prancing and pawing of thirty-two hoofs.
As I drew in my head, and bumped it on the sash,
Down the cold chimney fell Santa--KER-RASH!

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Since our Society is mostly made up of members who are doing family searches for places outside of Manatee County, we try to present a large variety of information from all over the United States. We want to thank Barb Schultz and Jean Morris for their input to this edition. We also want to remind all members to please send in any new websites or genealogical tidbits that you may have discovered. We would love to include them in the next edition of Cracker Crumbs!

- E.I. Dupont de Nemours & Company Irish Passengers under various titles have been published in the Delaware Genealogical Society Journal recently. The Dupont Company arranged for and paid passage for Irish workers and their families and used a number of different passenger agents between 1830 and 1854 when they stopped this practice. It depended upon the terms of their employment whether the employee reimbursed Dupont for the expense of their passage. In most cases the workers did reimburse Dupont for family member passage. The originals are held at the Hagley Museum in Delaware. Those published included the years 1834-1835, 1847, 1847-1849 and were included in their journals during 2003-4-5-6. If you have Delaware ancestors see their website at <http://delgensoc.org>. Several issues are in the MGS library periodical files.
- From *Links and Bridges*: The Genealogy Society of Hernando County FL Newsletter. 1793, Brooksville FL 34605-1793, Sept/Oct. 2006 issue. Researchers at Emory University plan to revise and expand an existing database on slave trade voyages and make it available free on-line. When completed it will include records of more than 35,000 voyages representing about 83% of all the ships that carried human cargo. The project is scheduled to be completed in 2008.
- The Tallahassee Genealogist Vol. 24 No. 1 2006-2007 p. 15 published by the Tallahassee Genealogical Society, Inc., Box 4371, Tallahassee FL contains an interesting article about Making The Most of RootsWeb Mailing Lists. They list 3 Rootsweb sites to check: <http://lists.rootsweb.com/> <http://archiver.rootsweb.com/> <http://searches2.rootsweb.com/cgi-bin/listssearch.pl> See the article and magazine in the Florida periodical files in the MGS library.
- The Manatee County Historical Society, 4501 Manatee Avenue West #303, Bradenton FL 34209-3925 was formed in 1946. The Society hosts seven luncheon meetings during the October-May program season. They record all of their meetings and these talks are held in the Eaton Room of the Manatee County Central Library. The Society supports the Manatee Village Historical Park and Gamble Mansion. Their meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at Noon. Annual dues are \$10.
- UnsolvedAncestry.com is a site where you just might be able to find an answer to that unsolvable problem. By posting your question and offering a reward, you can utilize resources of thousands of genealogists interested in finding documented proof about families. Search their postings to see if you may already have the proof to someone's specific objective...and benefit. The cost to post a reward is now free.
Taken from Dick Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter 18 Sept 2006. (If you don't already do so, add Eastman's free newsletter to your personal list of Blogs at www.eogn.com)
- DISASTERS make for good research material - see www.gendisasters.com How did disasters affect your family? You can find out through this site. Organized by location and by disaster, you can easily tell if the material is transcribed and online. In the "Help Wanted Section you can sign up to transcribe one or two or more articles for a whole state for region. Disasters can be Mine Explosions, Steamboat Explosions, Railroad Accidents, Ship Wrecks, Drownings, Earthquakes, Tornadoes, Fires...From transcribed books, newspaper articles, even those Killed By The Indians lists are helpful.
- Are you currently in the Navy, Retired from the Navy, 100% Disabled with Benefits or a dependent? Did you know that you can access Ancestry.com Library Edition, ProQuest Heritage Quest and many more online sources for FREE?
 - First you must be enrolled in DEERS - Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System.
 - Next, register and log-on to Navy Knowledge Online
[_ \(https://wwwa.nko.navy.mil/portal/splash/index.jsp\)](https://wwwa.nko.navy.mil/portal/splash/index.jsp) (note: this is WWVA, and no WWW).
 - Once you are in, select "REFERENCE" top right on page.
 - Next select "E=Content" left side of page.
 - Wait for all the choices to load. You can then select Ancestry, Heritage Quest and many other items.

Kith and Kin *"There are angels walking on this earth disguised as cousins." - Unknown*

Kith - Friends

Kin - Relatives

BACK TO BASICS! When determining family relationships, it is easy to understand parents, grandparents, aunts, and uncles, but when it comes to cousins, that can get confusing. Who are cousins? They are kin; family members who share a common ancestor.

We've all heard of first cousins, second cousins, third cousins, or cousins once, twice, three times removed. What does that mean? The term **first, second, third refers to the number of generations between you and the common ancestor** that you and your cousin share.

First Cousins

A person in your family who has the same grandparents as you. The children of your aunts and uncles. Children of siblings are first cousins.

Second Cousins

A person in your family who has the same great grandparents as you, but not the same grandparents. Children of first cousins are second cousins to each other.

Third, Fourth, Cousins

A third cousin would be a person in your family who has the same great, great grandparents as you. A fourth cousin would have the same great, great, great grandparents as you, and so on.

The term **"removed" is used to indicate a difference in generations** and how far back the relationship goes. Do not confuse "first cousin, once removed" with "second cousin". They are not the same.

Once Removed

Means one generation away from you. You and your first cousin are the same generation. Children of your first cousin are a different generation and therefore are your "first cousins, once removed". There is a difference of one generation.

Twice Removed

Grandchildren of your first cousin are your "first cousins, twice removed" which indicates a difference of two generations.

Three Times Removed

Great grandchildren of your first cousin are "first cousins three times removed" since there is a three generation difference, and so forth.

Other terms used to describe **kin and family relationships**.

Half

Share only one parent. Half brothers or half sisters may have the same father but different mothers, etc.

Step

Not blood kin but legally related because of the remarriage of a parent i.e. step-mother, step-son, step-brother, etc.

Double First Cousins

First cousins twice; once on the father's side and once on the mother's side; father's sibling married mother's sibling.

In-Law

A relative by marriage. Not really blood kin but considered so because of marriage to blood kin. In "law" you and your spouse are considered one. In "law" spouse's parents become your parents when you marry and thus mother-in-law, father-in-law, sister-in-law, etc., etc

From the Ferree Family Website (reprinted with permission)

Barb Schultz has also provided us with an excellent listing all the local genealogy societies' basic meeting and contact information. We list them here, so that you may print out this page and post it in a convenient spot!

- Manasota Genealogical Society meets the first Wednesday of the month at 9:30 AM until noon from October through May. (Each meeting will conclude with a basic genealogy lesson.) Meetings are at the Central Library, 1301 Barcarrota Blvd. in Bradenton. President is Anne Young (french.cat@verizon.net); Website: <http://www.rootsweb.com/~flmgs/>
- South Bay Genealogical Society (Sun City Center) meets the third Tuesday of the month at noon from September through May for lunch and a speaker. September & October meetings will be at the Cypress Creek Golf Club off of Cypress Village Blvd. Starting in November, meetings will be held at the new South Shore Library on 19th Avenue. Starting in November, there will be roundtable discussions at 10:45 AM with different subjects being discussed prior to luncheon. President is Don Churchill (dchurchill@tampabay.rr.com). Website: www.rootsweb.com/~flsbgs
- Genealogical Society of Sarasota (GSS) meets the third Saturday of the month at 9:30 AM (refreshments) with 10:00 AM (program) from October through May. Meetings are at the Selby Library (Geldbart Auditorium), 1331 1st St. in Sarasota. President is Denton Fitzgerald (dvfitz@comcast.net). Officer elections are January 20, 2007. Website: <http://www.rootsweb.com/~flgss/>
 - Germanic SIG is led by Marilyn Wethington (gssgenealogy@comcast.net).
 - Scottish SIG is led by Jean Wallace (walljb@comcast.net).
 - Irish SIG is led by Bernadette Duncan (bduncan941@aol.com).
 - Computer SIG is led by Denton Fitzgerald (dvfitz@comcast.net) and meets the third Thursday of the month at 2:00 PM until 3:30 PM from October through May. Meetings are at the Selby Library (Geldbart Auditorium).
- Englewood Genealogical Society meets the fourth Wednesday of the month at 1:30 PM until 3:30 PM for the General Meeting for October, January through April; November and December on the third Wednesday; September and May will have a Saturday morning meeting at 9:30 AM until 11:30 AM. Meetings are at the Elsie Quirk Library, 100 Dearborn W. Street (1/2 block from 776 on the right) in Englewood. President is Sue Davis (suedavis101@comcast.net). Website: <http://www.rootsweb.com/~flegsf/>
- Lakewood Ranch Genealogical Society meets the first Monday of the month at 7:00 PM until 9:00 PM from November through April. Meetings are at Lakewood Ranch Town Hall. President is Nancy Johnson (choco8448@yahoo.com).
- Jewish Genealogical Society of Tampa Bay meets the second Sunday of the month at 1:00 PM (beginner's session), and 2:00 PM (featured program) from September through June. Meetings are at the Gulf Coast Jewish Family Services, 14041 Icot Blvd., Clearwater, Florida. President is Bill Israel (jtstb@tampabay.rr.com). Website: <http://www.rootsweb.com/~fljgstb/home.htm>
- Jewish Genealogical Society of Southwest Florida (JGS of SW FL) meets the third Sunday of the month at 1:00 PM from November through May. Meetings are at the Jewish Community Center, 582 S. McIntosh Road in Sarasota. President is Kim Sheintal (klapshein@aol.com). Website: www.jgsswf.org



GENEALOGIST'S CHRISTMAS EVE (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1)

"Dear" Santa had come from the roof in a wreck,
And tracked soot on the carpet, (I could wring his short neck!)
Spotting my face, good 'ole Santa could see
I had no Christmas spirit you'd have to agree.

He spoke not a word, but went straight to his work
And filled all the stockings, (I felt like a jerk).
Here was Santa, who'd brought us such gladness and joy:
When I'd been too busy for even one toy.

He spied my research on the table all spread
"A genealogist!" He cried! (My face was all red!)
"Tonight I've met many like you," Santa grinned,
As he pulled from his sack a large book he had penned.

I gazed with amusement--the cover it read
Genealogy Lines for Which You Have Plead.
"I know what it's like as a genealogy bug."
He said as he gave me a great Santa hug.

"While the elves make the sleighful of toys I now carry,
I do some research in the North Pole Library!
A special treat I am thus able to bring,
To genealogy folk who can't find a thing."

"Now off you go to your bed for a rest,
I'll clean up the house from this genealogy mess."
As I climbed up the stairs full of gladness and glee,
I looked back at Santa who'd brought much to me.

While settling in bed, I heard Santa's clear whistle,
To his team, which then rose like the down of a thistle.
And I heard him exclaim as he flew out of sight,
"Family history is Fun! Merry Christmas! Goodnight!"

--Author Unknown

MANASOTA GENEALOGY SOCIETY 2006-2007 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wed - Jan. 3, 2007: 9:30am - 12 noon

- ✿ "Virtual Roots: Powerful Tools for Online Research", by Thomas J Kemp PhD (Mr. Kemp is Director of Genealogical Products of NewsBank Inc.)
- ✿ Genealogy Class #4 "Immigration, Library Resources & LDS" by Anne Young
- ✿ Using Library Resources (for those interested, from 12 noon on)

Wed - Feb. 7, 2007: 9:30am - 12 noon

- ✿ "Bits & Obits: Reading Between the Lines" (re Newspaper Research), by George Morgan
- ✿ Genealogy Class #5: "Obituary Clipping Project for Manatee County." by Ruby Young
- ✿ Using Library Resources (for those interested, from 12 noon on)

Wed - Mar 7, 2007: 9:30am - 12 noon

- ✿ "Your Scottish Heritage", by Richard Cardell
- ✿ Genealogy Class #6: "U.S. Military Records" by Ed Gaulin
- ✿ Using Library Resources (for those interested, from 12 noon on)
- ✿ SILENT AUCTION (Donate your discarded periodicals, genealogy books, CDs, equipment, etc.)

Wed - Apr 4, 2007: 9:30am - 12 noon

- ✿ "Using Land Records for your Family Research", by Cindy Russell
- ✿ Genealogy Class #7: "Courthouse and Probate Records", by Barb Schultz
- ✿ Using Library Resources (for those interested, from 12 noon on)

Wed - May 2, 2007: 9:30am - 12 noon

- ✿ "Researching My Irish Roots", by Jim McHugh
- ✿ Genealogy Class #8: "Prepping for your Genealogy Trip This Summer." by Phyllis Doucette
- ✿ Using Library Resources (for those interested, from 12 noon on)



Submitted by Rose Taylor, Central Library
New Genealogy Books Received October- December 2006
(all are shelved in the Genealogy Section)

Index to Revolutionary War Service Records (4 Vols) by Virgil D. White (929.373 Whi)

Genealogical Abstracts of Revolutionary War Pension Files (4 Vols) by Virgil D. White (929.373 Whi)

Index to War of 1812 Pension Files (2 Vols) by Virgil D. White (929.373 Whi)

A History of Norwegian Immigration to the United States from the earliest beginning down to the year 1848 by George T. Flom (929.3481)

The Magna Carta Sureties, 1215 by Frederick Weis (929.373 Wei)

Ancestral Roots of certain American colonists who came to America before 1700 (8th ed.) by Frederick Weis (929.373 Wei)

The Royal Descents of 600 Immigrants to the American Colonies of the United States by Gary Boyd Roberts (929.373)

Earliest Tennessee Land Records & Earliest Tennessee Land History by Irene M. Griffey (929.3768 Gri)

East Tennessee's Forgotten Children by Alan N. Miller (929.3768 Mil)

Middle Tennessee's Forgotten Children by Alan N. Miller (929.3768 Mil)

Swiss and German Pioneer Settlers of Southeastern Pennsylvania by H. Frank Eshleman (929.3748 Esh)

Married Well and Often: Marriages of the Northern Neck of Virginia 1649-1800 by Robert K. Headley, Jr. (929.3755 Hea)

French Colonists and Exiles in the United States by J. G. Rosengarten (929.344 Ros)

Tracing your Irish Ancestors (3rd ed.) by John Grenham (929.3415 Gre)

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FROM THE DESK OF THE MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN, JIM MCHUGH

Jim McHugh, <jamchugh@ix.netcom.com>

About 70% of our membership has paid their 2006/2007 dues as of this date. Dues are \$15 for an individual and \$20 for a family couple. Dues can be paid at any regular membership meeting, or mailed to the Manasota Genealogical Society, 6023 26th Street West PMB 269, Bradenton, FL 34207. If you are not sure of your "Dues" status, check the MGS Membership Roster that is available at all of our regular Membership Meetings. Please include with your payment (whether brought to a meeting, or mailed), the following information:

Name (or Names if Couple), Complete Address, Telephone Number & E-Mail Address

FROM THE ACQUISITIONS COMMITTEE

(submitted by Linda Smith, Chairperson)

Requests at the last MGS meeting asked for books on Virginia; Vermont; Immigration; Civil War; Alabama; Lycoming, PA; Jamestowne, VA; Albany, NY; Kentucky; New Jersey; and Missouri; and Ohio. I have done my best to put some on the request list. There were requests for some books which we already have on the shelf. I am finding many are out of print and being put on CDs.

Our Manatee County Card catalog is easily searchable online. If you can't find what you want there, have you thought about going to First Search in our library's webpage and put in your title? You may find your book in a nearby library and First Search will tell you where. If it is far away, you may request an Interlibrary Loan right online. If they won't lend the book, they will likely copy pages you need and send them.

Have you tried:

- Selby Library in Sarasota 1331 First St., Sarasota, FL 34236. (941) 861-1100
- John F. German Library in Tampa 900 North Ashley Drive. (813) 273.3652
- Bartow Library 2150 S. Broadway Ave, Bartow, FL 33830
 - Ruby Young recently found a book here that she was seeking
- Largo Library 120 Central Park Drive, just off of East Bay Drive in Largo
- Venice Library at 300 S. Nokomis Ave. Venice, FL 34285 (941) 861-1330
 - I found this little genealogy section to have some unusual collections donated by local residents

Each has a unique selection and chances are good you will find something of value in your research!

"People will not look forward to posterity, who never looked back to their ancestors."

Edmund Burke

BOOK REVIEWS (submitted by Jean Morris)

The Saxon Chronicles Volume I: The Capitalists by Jane Ellen Swan. The author has long been fascinated by stories which her German grandmother related to her. This three volume set of is based upon actual history, which she has interwoven into her family history. She was guest speaker at the MGS Dec. 6 meeting in Bradenton, and our society purchased a set for our library. Note that you may not find them in the genealogy section but under fiction because of the title implication. We cannot control the cataloging of books into the library system, but they will be there.

The first volume covers the period in Germany from AD782-1582 and begins with the struggles of the Saxons to resist the conquests of Charlemagne and continues through the Middle ages, the Black Death, the Renaissance and the Reformation, ending with the astute merchants who became the first 'capitalists', all told through the lives of several families, including the Bruns, the vonSehndens, and Stockmans among others.

Volume II: The Heirs is an account of how real people, nobility and commoner, wealthy and poor, struggled with one of Germany's greatest catastrophes, the Thirty years War. In the 18th century two new families are intertwined, the Dragoos Lindemann and Mattihies take part in all the wars of the time including the Battle of Blenheim, accompany the first Hanoverian kings of England, the music of Bach and Handel, and the Age of Enlightenment.

Volume III: The Millers' Daughters begins when Napoleon and his army sweep through the German states and recruit young German men who are soon defeated by the severe Russian winter which leads to Napoleon's defeat at the Battle of Waterloo. The Congress of Vienna in 1815 brings order to Europe, but the specter of Prussian militarism overshadows the rest of Germany and results in the massive emigration to America. Beethoven is found at the royal court in Vienna where he composes and conducts. Later Brahms' and Schubert's music appears and they set European feet gliding around the dance floor. On the literary scene two professors, the Brothers Grimm collect old German tales and compile them into a book. Meanwhile the craft class - masters of milling, weaving, cabinetry and metalworking - are forced to face industrial revolution. The railroad and telephone forever change Europe. A wise old woman still lives along near Vilsen with only a dachshund and a goat, honoring the old German mythical spirits. She is a master of herbal potions and speaks to rvens who warn her of French invasion. *The Millers' Daughters* is strong and vivid historical fiction.

The works were published by Vantage Press, 419 Park Ave. So., NYC 0016, 1-800-882-3273 and sell for \$26.95 per copy plus P&H of \$4.00. Credit cards accepted.

Genealogical Tidbits from PA Societies, Clubs, Associations, Affiliated Groups and other Fraternal Organizations. Volume 1 by Sherida K. Eddlemon. ISBN 9781558564428, 244pp. \$25. from Closson Press, 257 Delilah St., Apollo PA 15613-1933, www.clossonpress.com.

Fraternal organizations are affiliations of persons drawn together by common interests and may be formed chiefly to provide companionship and pleasure, to furnish members with certain benefit, or to help their communities. Membership was often restricted and often depended upon invitations extended by members of the lodge. These groups have been active in America since Colonial days. Surviving records can be genealogical gems.

The best known, of course, are the Freemasons. Union veterans joined GAR [Grand Army of the Republic], and there are numerous Ethnic organizations out there. The main counties covered in this work for PA are Tioga, Adams, Allegheny, Philadelphia, Butler, Blair and Lancaster counties. The work contains over 5000 names. A bibliography of source material is also presented.

Jamestowne Ancestors, 1607-1699, Commemoration of the 400th Anniversary of the Landing at James Towne, 1607-2007. 2006 by Virginia Lee Hutcheson Davis. 108 pp., illus., maps, cloth. ISBN 0-8063-1767-1. #1381 \$20.00 from Genealogical Publishing Co

3600 Clipper Mill Road, Suite 260, Baltimore MD 21211. 1-800-296-6687, website:

www.genealogical.com. A list of approx. 1000 persons who are known to have owned land or resided on Jamestown Island between 1607 and 1699. Listed alphabetically along with their known dates of residence, their official position in the colony (landowner, burgess, etc.), their place of origin or county of residence. In addition, the book contains details concerning the settlement of the island, a brief history of Jamestown plantations and hundreds and their evolution into the early counties of Virginia, with pen and ink drawings and maps of the fort and city of Jamestown.

MIGRATIONS BY RIVER AND CANAL FROM PENNSYLVANIA,
NEW YORK, VIRGINIA & MARYLAND TO THE WEST

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[This is an excerpt from the talk given at the Manasota GS Meeting in October 2006 which was implemented with many maps].

During the colonial period there were few roads. Indian paths and trails were the main routes for land travel were fine for walking, but were difficult for horses and carriages and wagons. Some were called Post Roads from Boston to New York and along the colonial eastern seaboard, but there were no roads from east to west. Indians, of course, used canoes and dugouts to make their way inland, and hardy pioneers followed their lead. Transporting their families and goods was all but impossible. Log rafts were used on navigable rivers, and at destination the wood from them could be sold or used to construct homes. Rafts gave little protection from the Indians, and were difficult to navigate in the fast moving streams. They were made to travel mainly in one direction - downstream.

After the Revolution the need for roads became a necessity. City streets were generally constructed of wood planks, of brick and cobblestone, but constructing long stretches was difficult, time consuming and costly. Still, by 1800 numerous turnpike companies had begun construction of wood and stone-surfaced toll roads. Stagecoaches started to travel on these roads and pikes, carrying passengers and goods, but the trip was anything but comfortable. The horses kicked up dust despite the construction, and it permeated the coaches. Some carts and wagons braved the roads, moving goods and/or families; but actual roads in New York, Pennsylvania and Maryland remained few in number.

About 1800 flatboats became popular and their use continued well into the 1900s. They allowed two or three families to travel along with all their goods and livestock. The flatboat had a box-like shelter which became a fort in the event of an attack. It could also be dismantled upon reaching its destination, and used for building material. They could not, however, overcome the difficulty of upstream travel.

During the 1830s interest in canals grew and the roads were allowed to deteriorate. Canal boats were used to transport both people and goods, and because they were pulled by mules, they were able to travel both up and downstream, slow but steady. They offered some protection for produce, and travelers could be fitted with oars for movement in both directions. The flatboat, however, remained the most popular mode of travel. Modified versions of the flatboat were used as ferries to carry wagons over creeks and rivers that were not fordable. The wagons or stages were lashed to the boat and carried to the opposite shore. Flatboats were also used to carry produce to market.

The first steamboat was built in 1807, its predecessor was a boat built by Robert Fitch which had paddles operated by a steam engine. By 1826 there were over 200 such vessels on western waters. Speed and competition caused many accidents and explosions. They were also plagued by piracy. The steam boats had difficulty traveling in shallow water on the upper rivers.

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- Canal Society of Ohio 550 Copley Road, Akron OH 44320 publish *towpaths*.
- *Canal Times* is published by the NY State Barge Canal Board, NYS Dept. of Transportation, Waterways Division, 1220 Washington Ave., Albany NY 12232
- *Egregious Steamboat Journal* Box 3046, Louisville KY 40401
www.steamboats.com/research/links2.html
- Erie Canal Museum Weighlock Bldg, 318 East Erie Blvd., Syracuse NY 13292
- Eleutherian Mills Historical Society, Greenvill, Wilmington DE
- Historical Society of Western Pennsylvania, The Senator John Heinz Regional History Center, 1212 Smallman St., Pittsburgh PA 15222, 412-454-6344, www.pghhistory.org/
- Inland Rivers Library at the Public Library of Cincinnati & Hamilton County, 800 Vine St., Cincinnati OH 45202, Rare Books & Special Collections, 513/369-4571,
www.CincinnatiLibrary.org
- Mid-West Riverboat Buffs Assn., 14 Rainbow Drive, Keokuk IA 52636
- Milwaukee Public Library Great Lakes Marine Collection, 814 West Wisconsin Ave., Milwaukee WI 53233, www.mpl.org/files/central/greatlakes/glakes.htm They have an exceptional collection, among them are wrecks on the Great Lakes.
- Monongahela River Buffs Assn., Box 301, Greensboro PA 15338 publish *Voice of the Mon.* Museum at 2nd & Main Sts., Monongahela (Washington Co.) PA 15063
- New York Canal System, 200 Southern Blvd., Albany NY 12201, www.canals.state.ny.us/
- NY Syracuse www.femms.syr.edu/showcase/SPClemence/EroeCnl/index.htm This site has wonderful pictorial history, not genealogical but your family might have used the canal to go west and their material will greatly enhance the story of their trip.
- Pennsylvania Canal Society, 2092 Delabole Rd, Pen Argyl PA 18072, 610/863-4463
mstmaras@tast.net
- PA Historic Canals www.northeast.railfan.net/canal/html is a good site for Pennsylvania canal history with photographs etc.
- Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission (PHMC), Division of Archives & Manuscripts, 350 North St., Harrisburg PA 17120. 717-783-3281 www.phmc.state.pa.us/
- Sons & Daughters of Pioneer Rivermen publish *The S & D Reflector*, 126 Seneca Drive, Marietta OH 45750.
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