

Keep sense of humor about genealogy work

It's a new year, and what can we accomplish on our family history projects?

I think it is wise for an overview of your previous findings on family history project. In my case, the first thing I should do is file all the miscellaneous papers that I have found over the past year or weeks.

After the papers are filed, then you will be able to make a list of the most important issues that will further your research.

All of those things seem tedious to me today: lists, filing, documenting, etc.

So here are some fun and interesting things I've collected over the years about genealogy:

- Isn't genealogy fun? The answer to one problem leads to two more.
- A family tree can wither if nobody tends its roots.
- A pack rat is hard to live with but makes a fine ancestor.
- Shake your family tree and watch the nuts fall.
- Genealogy is playing hide and seek: They hide, I seek.
- Genealogy: where you confuse the dead and irritate the living.
- You must teach your children that the ground beneath their feet is the ashes of our grandfathers. So that they will respect the land, tell your children that the earth is rich with the lives of our kin. — Chief Seattle
- Cemeteries are marble orchards.
- "Remember me in the family



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tree, my name, my days, my strife. Then I'll ride upon the wings of time and live an endless life." — Goetsch

• "When an old person dies, a whole library disappears." — African Proverb

• "Not to know what happened before we were born is to remain perpetually a child. For what is the worth of a human life unless it is woven into the life of our ancestors?" — Marcus Julius Cicero (106-43 BC)

• "What's that? It's my family tree. Why is there a skull hanging from that top limb? That's Uncle Wally, the horse thief." — "B.C." comic strip

• "Show me your cemeteries, and I will tell you what kind of people you have." — Benjamin Franklin (1706-1790)

• Genealogy joke: She's always late. Her ancestors arrived on the Juneflower.

• "And this was a particular pleasure for Charlestonians

alone, we exhumed our ancestors. Not literally of course, but we lived to indulge ourselves with a short walk through St. Mary's Cemetery, where we would offer a prayer of thanks that our forefathers had the good sense to make Charleston their home and in turn, ours. I'd tell the stories to Beth as my father told them to me and his father before him.

"Being part of this continuum was as rich a legacy as a treasure chest filled with jewels. Charleston had given us the gift of knowing who we were, what we stood for and where we belong in this complicated world."

— Dorothy Benton Frank, "Sullivan's Island"

• "There is no king who has not had a slave among his ancestors and no slave who has not had a king among his." — Helen Keller

• Does this describe you? A full-time detective, a thorough historian, an invertebrate snoop, a confirmed diplomat, a keen observer, a hardened skeptic, an apt biographer, a part-time lawyer, a studious sociologist, an accurate reporter, an hieroglyphics expert and a complete nut. You must be the genealogist of the family.

• So many ancestors, so little time.

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SOUTHSIDE COLLEGE NOTES

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SOUTHSIDE CHURCH NOTES

Gather for singing of hymns at Baptist church

The Johnson County Ministerial Association will celebrate the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, with a community Hymn Sing at 7 p.m. Sunday at Franklin First Baptist Church.

Those who can sing are invited to be part of the choir that will lead the participants. Choir members are asked to gather at 6:15 p.m. for organization and rehearsal.

An offering will be taken for the InterChurch Food Pantry. Information: 919-1131

Deaf church moves to Indianapolis location

Crossroads Deaf Baptist Church of Franklin, led by Pastor Pete Leclerc, is moving to a new location on the south side of Indianapolis.

The congregation will meet at 722 E. County Line Road, Indianapolis, beginning Feb. 14.

The church will meet at 6:45 p.m. Wednesdays. Refreshments and fellowship follows the Bible study and message.

A nursery is available for children younger than 5. Other programs include a program for hearing children ages 5 and older and a deaf service and a hearing program for teenagers.

Information: CrossroadsDeaf@yahoo.com

Actor to put on show at Edinburgh church

Actor Frank Runyeon will present "Sermon on the Mount" at

Holy Trinity Catholic Church, 100 Keeley St. in Edinburgh.

The event will take place at 8 p.m. Feb. 10 at the church.

Tickets are \$15 for preferred seating and \$5 for regular seating. Tickets will be sold by phone prior to the show.

Information: (812) 526-9460

Christian guild contest open to any poets

A \$1,000 grand prize is being offered in a poetry contest sponsored by Christian Poets Guild.

Entries are free to everyone. There are 50 prizes totaling \$5,000.

Poems can be written on any subject.

To enter, visit freecontest.com. Deadline is Feb. 14.

Archbishop to attend dedication of center

Archbishop Daniel Buechlein will preside at the dedication ceremony for the recently opened Assisi Center at SS. Francis and Clare Catholic Church, at the corner of Olive Branch and Mullinix roads in the Center Grove area.

The ceremony will begin at 12:30 p.m. after the 11:15 a.m. Mass on Jan. 28 and will include tours of the new building and refreshments.

The Assisi Center is a new wing of the church campus that more than doubles the physical size of parish buildings.

The \$1.6 million, 17,000-square-foot center will provide additional space for the congregation's activities and ministries, including the school.



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