

Family data found unexpectedly

I have exciting news. Genealogically exciting, that is. While doing research for a patron, a volunteer and I came across a chart in the family file that listed new ancestors on one of my family lines. The name is Mead.



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GENEALOGY

To give you some background. My great-great-grandmother was Elizabeth Wilson who, in 1841, married Charles Samuel Legan in Johnson County.

Her parents lived in Henry County, Ky., but I never have identified them. She had a sister, Emerine Mead Wilson, who first married Samuel Walker and, after he died, married Walker Daniel Prichard, both from Johnson County.

I always thought that the surname Mead would be their mother's maiden name but never could find documents to suggest it.

I always had planned to go to Henry County, Ky., to look for the information. I never thought to look here in Johnson County.

In the past, I researched Samuel Walker, Emerine's first

top priority. Wilson is such a common name.

While looking for the Mead family, the volunteer gave me a copy of a descendancy chart to mail to the patron, and I casually looked at it. I saw a familiar name, Emerine. I also saw her parents' and grandfather's names. I thought: "Could this be?"

I decided to write to the person who had donated the information. To my delight, she e-mailed me with two gedcom files on our mutual families. It seems to be reliable information.

Elizabeth and Emerine's parents are William and Mehala Mead Wilson. It seems that after Mehala died about 1825 in Kentucky, they came to Indiana without their father.

This will need further research. In my research, I find that both Elizabeth and Emerine have daughters named Mahala.

Mehala Mead's father was John Mead. I was told he came from Ireland to fight in the Revolutionary War.

I have found information about those war years and that he was given 100 acres in a land warrant in 1783.

While I was searching for John Mead on Yahoo, it led me to the Kentucky secretary of state Web page, where I was able to print a copy of the original land-office military warrant. (Visit this wonderful Web page at www.kysos.com)

Here are a few things I learned from this experience:

- Donate a copy of your family history research work to the local library or genealogy society.
- Never underestimate your local genealogy library, even if you work there.
- Be cautious when you receive new information. Don't automatically assume that it is correct. However, don't automatically assume that it is not correct, either.

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PET OF THE WEEK



Lainey is a 9-month-old Lab mix. She is crate trained. Lainey and other animals in need of a home will be at Tractor Supply on U.S. 31 in Franklin from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, when the Humane Society of Johnson County conducts a weekly adoption event.

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• Embraces

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full-on hugs on members of "the family," in keeping with their Italian heritage. But they're professional killers.

Can regular guys get away with it?

"Full-on hugs for most guys are pretty tricky," says Carone. "Unless you just pitched a no-hitter or something like that, you don't get one, except maybe at a wedding or a funeral, and only among family."

Airport meetings present interesting scenarios for man hugs, he says.

"The length of time that has passed since you last saw the person is the determining factor for if a hug is warranted," instructs Carone. "If you haven't seen the person in a long, long time, dropping the bags and giving a man hug is OK. But you don't want to linger. Just a couple of beats. One, two. That's it."

Ari Gold and the guys of HBO's "Entourage" regularly "hug it out" as a gesture of friendship and forgiveness, and their behavior has caught on, says Carone.



The men of "The Sopranos," starring James Gandolfini, are pros at hugging.

"These are the cool guys who rule Hollywood," he says. "They have the coolest clothes, the fastest cars, the beautiful women. They're comfortable doing it, so it makes regular guys more apt to think it's OK."

The Internet and the global economy have given American men a better window on cultural practices in places where platonic hugs and kisses between males are no big deal, Estrin notes. The terrorist attacks of 2001

gave men permission to express emotion, he says, and war and general chaos around the world have made everyone feel more vulnerable.

For all of these reasons, "men are much more willing now to connect with one another in a physical way," he says.

"We're living in such a difficult time, and it strikes me that we're all rethinking and redefining what it means to be alive," says Estrin.

• Tile

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"Look, Janet, we can take a class next week. They have a tile-laying class," he said.

Attempting to hammer home my point, I stopped in my tracks and pointedly said, "Steve, I don't want my house looking like the Clampetts" (as in Jed, Granny, Jethro and Elly Mae's home before moving to Beverly Hills).

That's when he made his final point: "Janet, if you haven't noticed, we currently have a piece of plastic trash bag held up with duct tape covering the bathtub wall tiles that have fallen inside the wall. We are the Clampetts."

I hate when he's right.

Janet Hommel Mangas, the third of seven children, grew up on the east side of Greenwood. She now resides in the Center Grove area with her husband and three daughters.

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