

# ROOTS AND BRANCHES

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## **HR HAPPENINGS**

The most current happening in the HR Room is the creation of this quarterly newsletter. We hope this will be a fun and creative way to update our researchers on events taking place in the Historical Research Room, along with interesting genealogy tips, tidbits, and research aids.

Noticed something different with the microfilm collection lately? There is an on-going project to catalog the microfilm collection and reorganize it under the dewey decimal numbering system like the HR books. To date, we have cataloged the Daily News Journal, the Rutherford Courier, the 1930 Tennessee Soundex, the 1930 Tennessee Census, and the Tennessee Confederate Soldier Pension Applications. The remaining rolls are in numerical order according to the number on the box. If you need assistance in locating a roll, just let us know. When you are finished, please place the roll of film on top of the microfilm cabinets. Believe it or not, this reorganization will group the rolls in a more user-friendly manner.

Lastly, we have just completed cleaning out and reorganizing our vertical files located next to the microfilm file cabinets. As an ongoing task, we are clipping articles from the DNJ relating to any major local news, events, and/or stories of interest for these files. The subjects range from such topics as the Civil War, historic homes, Cannonsburgh, education, Patterson Park Center, The Discovery House, etc. There will soon be an index to these files to help locate the information. We encourage you to browse the vertical files and feel free to photocopy any of the clippings contained therein. When you are finished with the file, please place it on top of the filing cabinet.

## **HR BOOKSHELF**

The following are recent additions to the Historical Research Room collection:

1. Encyclopedia of Virginia Biography (5 volumes)
2. The Pension Roll of 1835 (4 volumes)
3. California 1890 Great Register of Voters
4. Texas Marriages Index (Early to 1850)
5. North Carolina Marriages Index (1801-1825)
6. Triune: Two Centuries at the Crossroads
7. Approx. 30 books on various Ohio counties
8. 1820 Census Index of Ohio
9. 1870 Census Index of Ohio
10. 1790 Census Index of United States

## **GENEALOGY GEMS**

According to "Tracing Your British Ancestors," by Colin R. Chapman:

- ~a cholera epidemic in Britain in 1849 claimed 53,000 lives
- ~a privately baptized person was termed "half baptized"
- ~a "barker" was a tanner of leather
- ~a "husbandman" was a tenant farmer

## **HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHTS**

1. One of the worst epidemics of Yellow Fever in the United States occurred in Philadelphia in 1793.
2. In 1657, there was a measles epidemic in Boston.
3. The year 1918 is considered the “high point” year for the worst worldwide outbreak of influenza.

## **SPEAKING THE LANGUAGE**

*Land Patent:* The document which states the settler had a permanent claim and was the first purchaser of a piece of land.

*Land Warrant:* A certificate issued by a land office which entitled the possessor to a certain number of acres of land. The certificate was negotiable.

## **WEB CONNECTIONS**

Lots of great websites offer free online information, like [www.usgenweb.com](http://www.usgenweb.com). For example, to search for Rutherford County records on their site, click on TN on the left, and then get to Rutherford County by clicking on TN Gen Web County Links and then clicking Rutherford County. Information posted by volunteers includes John Lodl’s Death Records Index, Rutherford County Queries and Surnames and an 1878 Beers Property Owners Map. Be sure and check out Martha Smotherman Mendez’s contributions, like her Rutherford County Record Book Index (1804-1884) and “Marty’s Bedford County Page.”

## **RESEARCH KNOW-HOW**

Consider the fact that it was not uncommon in the 19<sup>th</sup> century to use the mother’s maiden name as the first son’s first name or a middle name. For example, if you come across a child named “Gaines Bailey,” in census records, son of David and Lilly Bailey, check earlier census records or marriage records for a Lilly Gaines. Always check the households around your ancestor in census records—those names may be other family members. For example, a married sister and her family might be living next to her brother and his family. Families generally migrated together to a new location. Often families would join each other in a journey to a new state, traveling together was safer.

## **GENEALOGY GATHERINGS**

1. 2005 National Genealogical Society Winter Warm-Up in Phoenix, Arizona January 20-22<sup>nd</sup>. See HR Bulletin Board for registration information.

## **PERIODICALS AT-A-GLANCE**

The HR Room subscribes to numerous periodicals for genealogy research. Some are for general research purposes, such as Heritage Quest, Family Tree, and Everton’s Genealogical Helper. Others are the quarterly publications issued by various Historical Societies in Tennessee, such as Warren County, Bedford County, Williamson County, the Middle Tennessee Genealogical Society and the Tennessee Historical Society. There is a wealth of information in these publications. Take a moment and take a glance.