

Session Notes from the Main Line Genealogy Club Brick Wall Workshop

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Notes are transcribed as they appear on the flip charts with editor's changes added in [] for clarification.

Thanks to all for a great session. Michael Kearney

Group I

Gwen: Who are parents of m[y?] Gmother Drucilla Dicks/Dix. Need maiden name.

Eric: What is name of father of Edgar Miller – b illegitimately 3/1882?, Clay, Lancaster Co., PA. Mother, Laura Erb married Clayton Miller c 1884.

Gwen: [2nd try]. Who are parents of Drucilla b c 1870 Sumter County, S.C. Her father on death certificate = Moses Levi. What was her surname at birth?

Bruce: Who are parents of Mary Ann Holt Died Mass. circa 1841 d. 1841 as wife of William Lippett Tingley, Chicopee Falls, Mass where she died in childbirth 4 days after.

Group II

Questions

1. John Lewis (1762-1825) Did he own property? If so, where? Born Radnor, died Tredyffrin.
2. Who were the parents of Charles W Gray, Born Frankford section of Philadelphia.
3. Who were parents of Robert Francis 1797-1881, western PA.
4. Who were parents of Alma Norton, wife of Justin Skinner? Died Sherburne, NY 02{/} Apr 1832 from Connecticut.

Strategies

4. Alma Norton Where was Just in (& FA) in time period of ~~Justin~~-Dorman Skinner Birth 1817; Eliminate Nortons in 1800 CT/NY census w no daughter age 10; Check Chenango County Archives; Newspapers
3. Check Carnegie Library in Pittsburgh; Look further Presbyterian Burial recs
1. Ask Mike Bartram [Tredyffrin land record expert]

Group III

Questions

1. Lorraine: How is Katherine related to Ellen and Chrystie (gravesite St. Michael's/L.I. buried in same gravesite as Ellen and Chrystie)
2. Marge: Who are the parents of John Angus Gillis (1871-1921) in Nova Scotia/ married Ellen Corcorane Hughes 1870-1852. D Phila b Ireland.
3. Pam: How to find Alexander Chambers of Hanover, Jamaica d ~1742 – no indication will where he came from in Great Britain (too many Chambers in GR)
4. Lou: How does he find three of [his] father's (Joseph Cabral Silva (d. Azoreo) sisters (Velmira, Maria, ????) in Rio, Brazil?
5. Cathy: Is James A Drennan of Manunk, Phila the same James of Nottingham Twp., Chesco, PA?
1st James b ~1819, PA; residence ~1880, Crescent Rd., Manayunk Phila;
wife: Rachel McConnell
2nd James: b 1820plus or minus 2 , res Nottingham Twp (1840 Census)

Suggestions

4. Use the Family Search Wiki to identify potential records sources.
5. spreadsheet w addresses years; use large format charts

Group IV

Questions

1. Which John Taylor married Emma Willan on 26 Oct 1799 in Sedburgh, Yorkshire?
2. Who was the father of Robert Elliott who was born 21 Dec 1856 and died 10 June 1931 [buried] in Chester Rural Cemetery in Chester, PA.
3. Who was the father of Jacques Ravacon who died in Huriel, Allier, France?
4. Who was the father of Lucy Morgan (1761-1823) buried in Allen County, KY?
5. What is the maiden name of Sarah, married to John P. Palmore, (Sarah died in Sussex County, Delaware on ____ 1833, born abt. 1792).

Suggestions

Taylor

1. Look for clues among his wife and children who all came t the US in 1845
2. Investigate spouses of the children
3. Investigate the two witnesses of the marriage.

Ravacon

1. Go to both Family Search and Ancestry Wiki
2. Research the Catholic records for the county in France where he lived.
3. Google County histories in France

Group V

Questions

1. Parentage of Bethany Howard (1778-1855), m: Stephen Rider (1798); Who were the parents of Bethany Howard? Who married Stephen Rider in 1798 in Penobscot, Maine.
2. Who was the wife of Robert Clyde who gave birth to Isaac in New York [State]?
3. Who were the parents of Catherine Hopper who married David Megill in 1849 in Norristown, Pa at St. Patrick's R.C. Church.