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There Are So Many Rabbits!

Why do I have so much trouble finding that record I am looking for? It seems that my research consumes so much time with so little results. While I was “pondering” it hit me, one of those AHA moments. There are too many rabbits and therefore too many rabbit holes! There you go! It should have been so obvious.



So now for a solution. Do we hunt rabbits or fill the holes? Make a plan you say? That sounds like too much work. How would a person go about making a plan?

There are some resources on the web to help. There is a YouTube video by Caroline Pointer titled [Using OneNote for Research Plans](#). Even if you do not use OneNote, it is worth the 12 minutes it takes to watch it. Ok, here is [Crafting a Genealogy Research Plan](#) from Ancestry which is 23 minutes. There is actually a lot on the web that might be helpful, just Google.

You will find that there is not ONE way to make a research plan. Just get started and make a plan you will follow. Over time you will probably hone your way until it just becomes second nature. So, put away the shovel and shot gun and start planning for success.

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Tidbits –

For a good lesson on townships, go to Linda Haas Davenport's [Learning Center](#), then click on Untangling Townships. There is much more on her learning center that I have not read.

From Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter, [How to Increase Your Personal Genealogy Library](#).

Harold Henderson's [Midwestern Microhistory: A Genealogy Blog](#) is a good place to visit.

Are you researching your ancestors who lived in the early 1800's? You might visit this link to [Countryside Daily](#) for some insight.

Does your research involve the Civil War in Arkansas? The Arkansas Toothpick website has the [Arkansas Time Line tab](#) you might find helpful.

Coming Events

May 10-13, 2017

The [National Genealogical Society's](#) 2017 Family History Conference will be held at the Raleigh Convention Center in Raleigh, NC. Conference registration began December 1, 2016. Hotels began accepting reservations for the conference on June 15, 2016.

May 13, 2017

The Arkansas Historic Preservation Program will hold a Cemetery Conservation Workshop with Rusty Brenner at Selma Cemetery, Drew County, Arkansas. Click [here](#) for the location.

May 13, 2017

Arkansas Historic Preservation Program Walks Through History will be the Downtown Hope Commercial Historic District from 11 AM to 1 PM.

June 2, 2017

Arkansas Historic Preservation Program's Sandwiching in History will be from 12 PM to 1 PM at the Carmelite Convent and Chapel, 7201 W. 33rd St., Little Rock, Arkansas.

June 8-10, 2017

7th annual [Genealogy Jamboree](#) and Pioneer Day in the Historic Town of Cumberland Gap, Tennessee.

June 10, 2017

Arkansas Historic Preservation Program's Walks Through History will be at the Arkansas Tech University, Russellville, Arkansas from 11 AM to 1 PM.

Coming Events continued

July 15, 2017

The [Genealogy Society of Craighead County, Arkansas](#), will sponsor their summer lock-in, “*Wind Back The Clock*” from 6:00 pm to midnight on Saturday, June 15, 2017. See their website for the details.

July 23-28, 2017

[The Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research](#) (IGHR) will be at the Georgia Center’s UGA and Hotel Conference Center.

July 28 and 29, 2017

2017 International Germanic Genealogy Conference will be held in Minneapolis, MN, on July 28 and July 29, 2017, hosted by the [Germanic Genealogy Society](#). Click here for the International [Germanic Genealogy Conference flyer](#).

August 5, 2017

The [Heritage Seekers](#) will sponsor a Genealogy Research Day at the Butler Center.

August 12, 2017

[The Ark-La-Tex Genealogical Association](#) will host a seminar and book fair at Pearce Hall, Broadmoor United Methodist Church, 3715 Youree Drive, Shreveport. Featured speaker will be Cari Taplin, CGSM, Certified Genealogist and Lecturer. Registration fee is \$40 and includes lunch.

August 30-September 2, 2017

The [FGS](#) National Genealogy and Family History Conference will be held in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Coming Events continued

October 20-21, 2017

The Arkansas Genealogical Society 2017 Fall Conference will be at the Benton Event and Convention Center in Benton, Arkansas. D. Joshua Taylor is scheduled to present. Watch our [website!](#)

May 2-5, 2018

The NGS 2018 Family History Conference will be in Grand Rapids, Michigan. The announcement was in the *NGS Monthly* from May 2016. Call for proposals opened January 3, 2017.

June 2–7, 2018

[The Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research](#) (IGHR) will be at the Georgia Center's UGA and Hotel Conference Center.

August 22-25, 2018

The [FGS](#) National Genealogy and Family History Conference will be held in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

October 19-20, 2018

The Arkansas Genealogical Society 2018 Fall Conference will be at the Benton Event and Convention Center in Benton, Arkansas. Cee Cee Moore is scheduled to present.

August 21-24, 2019

The [FGS](#) National Genealogy and Family History Conference will be held in Washington, D. C.

September 2-5, 2020

The [FGS](#) National Genealogy and Family History Conference will be held in Kansas City, Missouri.

Charles F. Heartman Manuscripts of Slavery Collection

The following is republished from *Genealogy Gems: News from the [Fort Wayne Library](#)*, No. 151, September 30, 2016.

Charles F. Heartman Manuscripts of Slavery Collection
by Melissa Tennant

Charles F. Heartman (1883-1953), a book seller in Mississippi and former resident of New Orleans, Louisiana, amassed a sizable collection of materials concerning African Americans in the South during his career. His collection of Afro-Americana books and manuscripts covers primarily Louisiana, though it also includes other states, such as South Carolina and Virginia. Xavier University of Louisiana has since purchased the collection and is now actively digitizing what it describes as the “Charles F. Heartman Manuscripts of Slavery Collection,” making these materials available freely online for researchers.

The digital collection of more than 4,000 images, dating from 1724 to 1897, documents the social and legal conditions of free people of color and slaves in Louisiana. Half of the collection is comprised of New Orleans municipal records, which correlates with that city’s rich history of having the largest population of free people of color in the United States. Records in the collection include appraisals, ownership affidavits, mortgage records of slaves, receipts for slave work in chain gangs, legal status documents of both free persons of color and slaves, tax receipts, business bonds, deeds, New Orleans police reports, service reports, municipal records, and much more. The records are written in English, French, and occasionally, Spanish.

To access the collection, visit the “Xavier University Archives and Special Collections - Digital Collections” page <<http://cdm16948.contentdm.oclc.org/cdm/>> and select the “Charles F. Heartman Manuscripts of Slavery Collection” from the options. The material can be searched by given name and/or surname, keyword, and/or location. It can also be browsed based on the content of each manuscript box. Each record has an im-

Charles F. Heartman Manuscripts of Slavery Collection *continued*

age and a brief description of the document. Researchers can learn more about this wonderful resource by viewing the Collection Guide <<http://xula.libguides.com/CharlesHeartmanCollection>> or using the Finding Aid <<http://www.xula.edu/library/images/pdf/HeartmanFindingAid.pdf>>.

The “Charles F. Heartman Manuscripts of Slavery Collection” digital project is still in progress, and materials continue to be added regularly. Researchers should consider it a significant and vital source of materials documenting the lives of both freed and enslaved African Americans during the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries in Louisiana.

U. S. Citizenship and Immigration Services Webinars

Mrs. Kaney and the Philadelphia Immigration Business, ca. 1882-1909 will be produced live May 23, 2017, 1:00 PM Eastern.

The following description is taken from their website.

Philadelphia is unique among American ports of entry because records survive to document nearly every activity of immigration authorities during the late 19th and early 20th century. Also, Philadelphia is different from Ellis Island at New York because the Philadelphia immigration station was not entirely self-contained. Philadelphia immigration officials depended on local steamship companies, railroads, and a variety of government contractors to handle everyday business. In its complex relationship with the surrounding community, a study of Philadelphia's immigration business can help us understand immigrant processing in the late 19th and early 20th century.

Using detailed records surviving at the National Archives in Philadelphia and in Washington, D.C., Marian Smith will discuss immigrant processing operations in Philadelphia ca. 1882 to 1909. She will also introduce us to the persons and personalities involved.

You can sign up to attend this session live at [USCIS.GOV](http://uscis.gov).

NHS 2017 Livestream with On-Demand Streaming

The following is from the NGS website

Can't make it to the 2017 NGS Conference in Raleigh? Want to experience sessions from the comfort of your home or view sessions again? You can register now at PlaybackNGS.com for two days of live streaming with a bonus of three months additional on-demand streaming access (until 13 August 2017). NGS has selected two key tracks—DNA and BCG Skillbuilding—and five important topics in each track to livestream. For Day One, the DNA track consists of five of the most skilled genetic genealogists in the U.S., presenting topics that will help you to understand how to apply DNA to your family history research. Day Two will feature five lectures in the BCG Skillbuilding track. Certified, expert genealogists will teach concepts and advise you on research methodology, and how to better analyze your findings to arrive at the right conclusions.

You can watch one track, DNA (5 sessions), and /or BCG Skillbuilding (5 sessions) or both tracks (10 sessions) as they happen live, and then replay them anytime for three months after the conference (until 13 August 2017). Visit PlaybackNGS.com to purchase all of the options NGS offers you for Live Streaming, or video and audio recordings of the conference.

The Live Streaming sessions take place 11-12 May 2017 in Raleigh, North Carolina, (Eastern Standard Time) at the NGS 2017 Family History Conference. Information on NGS member and non-member pricing can be reviewed below.

There is a cost to this service, but it is much less expensive than actually attending in person. Follow this link to see the details and cost: <http://conference.ngsgenealogy.org/livestream/>.

Sequoyah National Research Center

The following is from the [Sequoyah National Research Center's website](#).

The collections of the University of Arkansas at Little Rock's Sequoyah National Research Center constitute the largest assemblage of Native American expression in the world. Our mission, to acquire and preserve the writings and ideas of Native North Americans, is accomplished through collecting the written word and art of Native Americans and creating a research atmosphere that invites indigenous peoples to make the Center an archival home for their creative work.

The Sequoyah National Research Center strives to ensure that the discussion of Native America accounts for the perspectives of the peoples themselves.

The Center is located at University Plaza, Suite 500, at the corner of Asher Avenue and University Avenue. The research room is open to researchers Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Administrative Stuff

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