

# Genealogy Research: Technology Tips & Techniques

**Sons of the American Revolution**

***Albuquerque Chapter***

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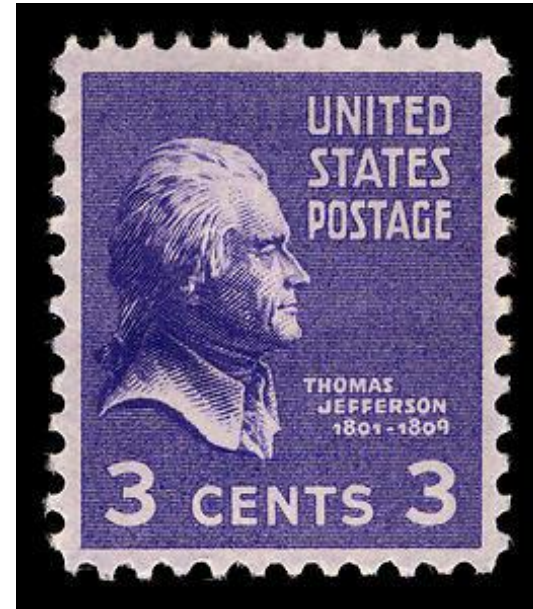
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# Research Revolution In Our Lifetime

- Genealogy research **then**:

- SASE
  - 3-cent stamp
  - Polite letter
  - 3-4 week turnaround
- Personal visits
  - Libraries
  - Courthouses



- ... and **now**:

- Scanners and computers
- On-line access to historical database collections
- Near instant response times
- Near instant organization of what you've found

# Top Technology Techniques Today

(Computers and the Internet)

- Inexpensive Genealogy Software
- Media: Tablets, Mobile Devices, Flash Drives
- Scanning, Copying, OCR
- Search engines (e.g., Mocavo; Google)
- On-line data repositories (e.g., Ancestry.com)
- DNA Testing
- On-Line Collections: Historical Newspapers
- ***FindAGrave.com***
- Electronic Publishing

# *GenealogyBank.com*

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- Benefits: **Over 7,000 Newspapers 1690–2010**
  - **Rapidly** search newspapers in small towns & Big Cities in all 50 states. Search by state is an option.
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Newspapers are a cornerstone of family history research. Learning about your ancestors' daily experiences provides a unique window into their lives and can bring your family history to life.

[Newspaper Titles](#)

### Recent Newspapers

[Recent Newspaper Obituaries](#) 1977–Today

Newspaper obituaries are a great place to start your genealogy research. Obituaries contain ancestor names, dates, birthplaces, marriage info, death records, and other relevant family history information.

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**HUALEY**—At Holyoke, 17th, Mrs. Sarah Butler at 115 Pine street, funeral at the Boston funeral parlors this morning at 8.30. Burial in a solemn high mass of requies at the Sacred Heart church at 7. Burial will be in Calvary cemetery.

**HEVEN**—At Gloucester 15th, Joseph P. Heven, 42, of 22 India street, West Barnstable, funeral at Boston's funeral home, 301 State street, Thursday at 8.15 a. m. High mass of requies at St. Louis church, West Springfield, at 9 a. m. Burial in St. Michael's cemetery.

**HESS**—At Holyoke, 15th, Mrs. Ethel M. (Peters) Hess of 28 Glen street, funeral at First Baptist church, Holyoke, Friday at 10 a. m. Burial in New York.

**McCAFFERTY**—In this city, 14th, Mrs. Kenneth Joyce McCafferty, widow of James F. McCafferty, funeral at the house of 2008 E. Battery, 11 Myrtle street, Friday at 8.15 a. m. Solemn requies with mass at Holy Family at 7 a. m. Burial in Calvary.

**THOMAS**—In this city, 12th, Mrs. Mary (Lambert) Thomas, 77, widow of Louis Thomas, of 28 Beane street, funeral at the house Thursday at 8.15 a. m. followed by a high mass of requies in St. Joseph's church at 9 a. m. Burial in St. Alban's cemetery, Indian Orchard, R. A. Brown, funeral director.

**WADSWORTH**—In this city, 14th, Ellen L. Wadsworth, 82, of 17 Essex street, funeral at the parlors of the Hathorn-Crocker company, 205-206 State street, Saturday at 1.30 p. m. with organ service at 1 p. m. Burial in Washington.

**WATKINS**—At Holyoke, 12th, Christine, 41, nee 44 daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Walsh, of 62 Maple street, funeral at the home Friday morning at 8.30, followed by a high mass of requies at the Sacred Heart church. Burial will be in St. Joseph's cemetery.

for Holyoke children at the high school the afternoon of March 3.

The expense of the concert is quite beyond the door receipts and Mrs. W. C. Hammond is treasurer of a committee that will receive donations to make up the deficit. Paul M. Shirley will conduct the concert.

#### Observe Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday was observed in the churches of the city today and tonight especially at the many Catholic churches where masses were celebrated this morning and the ceremony of the blessing of the ashes took place. Tonight the churches were thronged for the opening Lenten services after which the placing of the holy ashes on the forehead took place. As in past years, on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday nights there will be the customary sermons and the saying of the stations of the cross.

#### Lenten Services Held

Lenten services were held at the Catholic churches of the city with masses this morning and distribution of ashes tonight. Ash Wednesday was observed at St. Paul's Episcopal church with Mass and sermon.

The Holyoke Revere club will hold a prize shoot at the shooting gallery on Main street tonight. Former Senator John P. Shea of the club represented the club in protest at the hearing in Boston today on the Senate bill prohibiting the manufacture of small firearms.

Henry A. Hill, assistant secretary of the department of activities of the Lions International, will be the speaker at the luncheon of the Lions club at the Hotel Newotuk tomorrow.

The spring boate trials of the Holyoke Fish and Game association will be held March 23. This date is made necessary by a revision of the game laws forbidding dogs to run in the woods from April 1 to September 1. The field trial committee will meet this week to make arrangements and receive entries.

The Women's club of the Skinner Coffee house will serve a German supper at the Coffee house tomorrow from 5 to 7.30 p. m.

Joseph Skowronck of 61 Hampden street recruited in the navy as a first-class fireman at the local recruiting office today.

church officiating. Burial will be in Aspen Green cemetery.

## MISS DOROTHY FORRANT TO MARRY BOSTON MAN

### Will Resign Consular Post at Buenos Aires Before Wedding in Summer

Ware, Feb. 18—Miss Dorothy Forrant, daughter of Mrs. Mary Forrant of 1644 Myrtle street and attached to the United States diplomatic service at Buenos Aires, Argentina, will be married this summer in South America, her engagement to William A. Denker of Boston, representative of the Du-



MISS DOROTHY FORRANT

new school, entered the diplomatic service at Washington. She will make a trip home before the wedding, which will take place at Buenos Aires, having been announced today by her mother.

Miss Forrant is a graduate of Ware high school and Northampton Uni-

versity. She was the rank of sergeant when he was discharged June 21, 1901. He was a member of the Baker post, G. A. R. of Northampton. During the Civil war he served under Maj.-Gen. Oliver Edwards, an uncle of the late Maj.-Gen. Clarence R. Edwards.

Sergeant Hanks served in the following engagements: Fredericksburg, December, 1862; Mary's Heights, May, 1863; Salem Church, May, 1863; Franklin's Crossing, June, 1863; Gettysburg, July, 1863; Rappahannock Station, November, 1863; Mine Run, November, 1863; Wilderness, May, 1864; Laurel Hill, May, 1864; "The Angle," May, 1864; Spottsylvania Courthouse, May, 1864; North Anna, May, 1864; Cold Harbor, June, 1864; Petersburg, June, 1864; Fort Stevens, July, 1864; Charleston, August, 1864; Winchester, September, 1864; Hatchers Run, February, 1865; Fort Stradman, March, 1865; fall of Petersburg, April, 1865; Sailor's Creek, April 1865.

He leaves a son, Harry Hanks, at home; two daughters, Miss Mabel E. Hanks, at home, and Miss Alice E. Hanks, a teacher at the Weaver High school in Hartford, Ct.

The funeral will be held at the home, Friday afternoon at 2.30. Rev. Theodore Bachire will officiate and burial will be in the Village cemetery.

## DALTON

Dalton, Feb. 18—Lenten devotional services will be held each Wednesday night at the Congregational parish house. A booklet entitled "The Fellowship of Prayer," has been sent to the parishioners for Lenten reading.

Mrs. H. R. Messenger fell on her Sunday morning while on her way to church and fractured bones in her right wrist. She was attended by Dr. Macfay.

Dr. P. J. Sullivan will leave tomorrow in company with Manager John Collins of the Boston American league baseball team to spend a couple of weeks at the training camp at Fenwick, Wis.

The high school basketball team will play St. Joseph's High school of North Adams here Friday night.

Milo Kent of Hinsdale, while at work in the rag department of the Hyron Weston company plant yesterday, was caught under a 2200-pound bale of rags and was badly hurt. He was removed to the House of Mercy hospital at Pittsfield.

## Graham Funeral Service

37-39 Howard St. 3-5175

### Personal Service

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## White-Curran, Inc.

### Funeral Service

301 WESTFIELD ST.

West Springfield

Tel: 6-7742

# Zimmerman Library (UNM)

- Access to many newspaper databases
  - New York Times (1851-2011)
  - 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> Century Burney Collection Newspapers
  - 19<sup>th</sup> Century British Library Newspapers
  - 19<sup>th</sup> Century United States Newspapers
  - NewspaperArchive.com
  - American Historical Newspapers (early America)
  - **Chronicling America: Historic America**
  - Irish Newspaper Archive
  - World Newspaper Archive

# Library of Congress

- [ChronicleAmerica.loc.gov](http://ChronicleAmerica.loc.gov)  
— on-line! free!
- Search America's historic newspaper pages 1836-1922
- use the U.S. Newspaper Directory to find information about American newspapers published 1690-present
- Advanced Search: state, search term (e.g., surname)





# Family Legacy ... ... and Lineage —

## SUMMARY OF THE BLACKLEDGE FAMILY TREE

Prepared by Robert L. Blackledge from his family records, and principally for Michael Allan Blackledge on the occasion of his graduation from the United States Naval Academy, June 5, 1963.

MICHAEL ALLAN BLACKLEDGE, Born October 10, 1941, at Washington, D. C., son of

ALLAN DOUGLAS BLACKLEDGE, (Wife, Dorothy Marita Forrant), Born July 30, 1896, at Culbertson, Nebraska, son of

LEWIS H. BLACKLEDGE, (Wife, Margaret Edith Lawrence), born January 10, 1868, near Jerusalem, in Monroe County, Ohio; Died August 11, 1950, at Kearney, Nebraska, son of

DAVID BLACKLEDGE, (Wife, Caroline Elizabeth Lewis), Born August 31, 1824, in Jerusalem, Monroe County, Ohio; Died August 19, 1893, at Bloomington, Nebraska, son of

SAMUEL BLACKLEDGE, (Wife, Hannah Forst), Born June 28, 1800, in Greene County, Pennsylvania; Died June 10, 1866, in Monroe County, Ohio, son of

WILLIAM BLACKLEDGE, (Wife, Elizabeth Heartley), Born September 8, 1772, in Bucks County, Pennsylvania; Died December 10, 1851, probably in Jefferson County, Ohio, son of

ROBERT BLACKLEDGE, (Wife, Dorothy Joanna Van Lude), Born about 1735, and died July 19, 1812, both in Bucks County, Pennsylvania, son of

THOMAS BLACKLEDGE, (Wife, Elizabeth Randall), Born 1707 in Bucks County, Pennsylvania, Died December 7, 1790, in Milford Township in Bucks County, Pennsylvania, son of

WILLIAM BLACKLEDGE, (Wife's first name unknown, but she was a daughter of Benjamin Duffield); date and place of birth unknown; Died about 1718; lived on the west bank of the Neshaminy River in South Hampton Township in Bucks County, Pennsylvania.

William is the most remote ancestor of whom we or anyone has any proof, although there are many contrasting claims and beliefs. Some think that the family originated in Lancastershire, England, but there is no proof. Others think that the family may have descended from a New England line headed by John Blackleach, and the name later becoming Blackledge or Blackledge, depending on the whim of those who bore it. There is, of course, much additional information available on all of the individuals and families mentioned above.

# How Have You Preserved and Promulgated Your SAR Legacy?

***Promulgate:*** promote or make widely known

Which of these have you accomplished:

- ✓ SAR Application: submitted/accepted
- ☐ Article: submit to Genealogy or History publication
  - ☐ ***AGS Quarterly*** (into Allen County PERSI [source index])
- ☐ ***FindAGrave.com***: your chain to your patriot
- ☐ Electronic Publishing: permanent, easy, inexpensive



*"little by little from beginning to end"*  
*"poco a poco desde el principio hasta el fin"*

# Quarterly ..... Newsletter

*November 2015*

*Volume 40 Issue No. 3*

## Upcoming Programs

**Wednesday, November 11, 2015, 10:30 am to Noon**

***Special Location: Roadrunner Food Bank,  
5840 Office Blvd NE, Albuquerque 87109***

**Title: In Honor of Veterans Day**

**Speaker: Michael Dietz, Genealogist/AGS Member**

**Wednesday, December 9, 2015, 10:00 am**

***Main Library Community Room, 501 Copper NW***

**Title: Annual Show-and-Tell Holiday Party**

**ANNUAL BOOK SALE BEFORE AND AFTER**

*See book sale list insert.*

**DO NOT GO TO THE MAIN LIBRARY**

Veterans Day is a holiday to recognize the sacrifices

*AGS Logo Items will be on sale—see page 44.*

Our annual holiday party is a great time of fellowship



## Research Day Success Story: A Family Rumor Turns Out to be True

By Marianne Eaton, AGS Member

I am just so amazed that the family rumor was true!

When Carl Malone, New Mexico State Historian for the Mayflower Society, came to Research Day in 2013, I told him my husband Tom's family claims to have a Peabody who came over on the *Mayflower*. He frowned and said, "No Peabodys came over on the *Mayflower*." Okay, I thought to myself, they were fabricating a story. There was a Francis Eaton on the *Mayflower*, but the family does not claim that relationship. I am not back far enough on the Eaton Tree to see where that line came from.

At the next Research Day Carl told me, "There was a William Peabody who married Elizabeth Alden, one of the many daughters of John Alden and Pricilla Mullen who came over on the *Mayflower*. It's in the Silver Book, nickname for *Mayflower Families Through Five Generations*." All we had to do is connect our Peabodys to the Silver Book! So started an 18-month adventure in genealogy.

I had all Tom's paternal Burnham ancestors' information back to the American Revolution since Tom recently

Ira's wife Nancy Jane Jeter is still a puzzle to me. She was on the 1870 census as Jane Jeter, her death certificate says Nancy Janes Jeter. Some people have said her second name was Jones or James, I think they thought Janes was a typo. Most the time she signed her name Nanny J. Jeter or later Burnham. Then she married the second time to Luther J Jeter, so her name was Nanny J. Jeter Burnham Jeter. Another error on the death certificate listed her husband as Ira Jeter. Her younger daughter listed her father's first name and the second husband's last name. Every document I found on her has at least one or two errors on it.

Carl Malone took an alternate route through Illinois on his vacation last year and found the obits of Reuben and Ira. He sure went the extra mile! The obits were needed, because Illinois had no record of their death certificates. Carl also found a Black Family Bible, started by Thomas Peabody's daughter Laura who married John H. Black and kept records of all her family. It linked Thomas Peabody to all his children, one of whom was Polly Jeanette.



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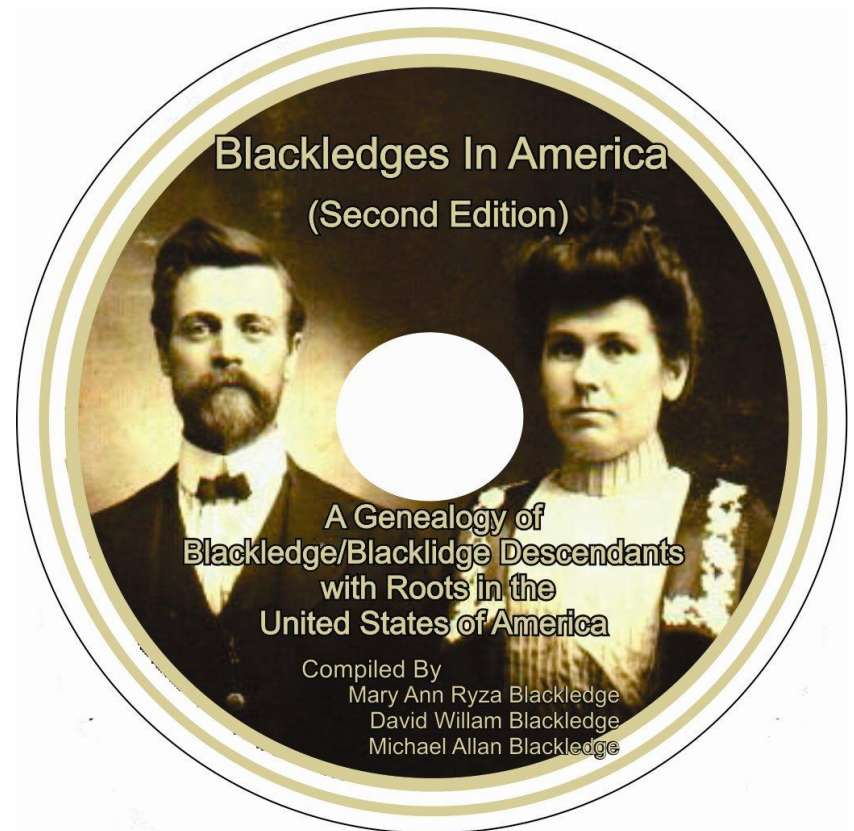
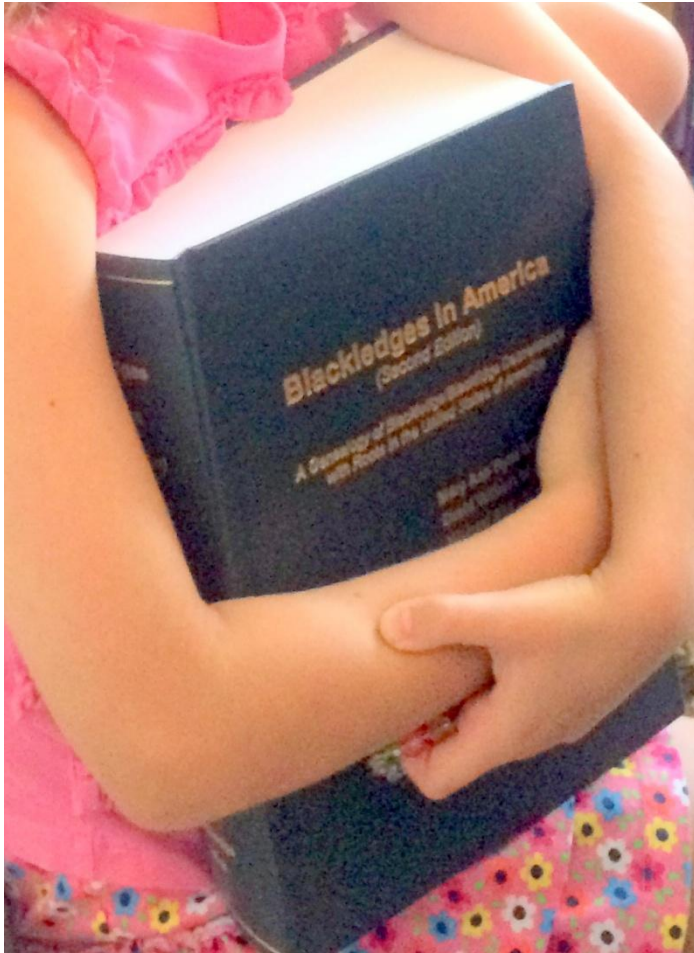


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- Pros
  - Publication cost is all but trivial
  - Shipping is same cost for any size ‘book’
  - Color is same ‘cost’ as black & white
  - No cost or problem to add ‘special features’
  - ISBN, copyright applies to CD same as hardcopy
  - No storage problems for extra copies
- Cons
  - Humans like to leaf through a book
  - Humans like to have a book on the bookshelf
  - Some humans are not friendly with computers

# Hardcopy vs Electronic



# Publication Cost Comparison

## Hard Copy (32 sets of 3 vols)

company	description	amount
NM Bookbinders	dies & 3 practice volumes	\$219.00
Anundsen Publishing	printing 32 sets, collate color, ship to Phoenix	\$4,224.00
mail to Phoenix	proof set mailed to PHX to try out bookbinding	\$12.93
Roswell Bookbinding	F-grade Buckram Navy Blue cover; stamp spines	\$3,216.00
UPS	ship 32 sets from Phoenix to ABQ	\$250.00
	<b>Total Cost:</b>	<b>\$7,921.93</b>
	<b>Cost per set:</b>	<b>\$247.56</b>

## Book on CD

Description: cover, back, and spine, shrink-wrapped, in jewel case

One company (local):

### Roadrunner Duplications

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