Websites of Interest

The following internet sites may be helpful when you are trying to define living persons in your family tree. www.zabasearch.com and www.lookupanyone.com, can be used to define the address and telephone number of currently living (or recently deceased individuals. Simply enter the surname and given name, and, if you know it, the state of residence. A number of possibilities will typically be given as "hits". In addition to the addresses and telephone number, a rough age will also sometimes be provided. If you click on the box for more information, you will be directed to Intelius.com which will provide some further information in the way of possible family members and sometimes their current age, as well as a summary of residence history. This will be provided as part of an advertisement for a complete background check, but you do not have to pay anything for the service up to this point. You can also go birthdatabase.com to obtain an exact birth date for an individual. If the name is a common one, you're going to get lots of "hits" for a number of people in the United States with that name, but the good news is that it will also give you their current city and state. The latter is helpful in sorting out which individual you are seeking.

Sometimes you have the name of an individual but wish to determine the given name of their spouse. Once you have the exact address from Zabasearch or Lookupanyone, you can run a "reverse address" check. One site for doing this is International Infobel.com. Their URL is www.usinfo.com/en/usa. Simply plug in the address and it will tell you who occupies that address. Many times that will be in the format of "John and Mary Doe". If you only had John Doe, now you have his wife's given name as well.

Another site that is useful has to do with obituaries. Obits are very valuable sources of genealogical information, often giving the name of both predeceased and surviving spouses, parents, and children, sometimes even grandchildren. Try www.obitz.us. This is not a very complete database, but the good news on this one is that you can do a general surname search and you will get all of the individuals in the database with that surname. Great for surname studies, but will also occasionally yield up someone who is related.

All of these sites are somewhat "hit and miss". What genealogical source isn't? But in working the clues provided by all of these sites together we can sometimes piece together the desired information. As always, show respect for privacy and those who may not share your enthusiasm for genealogical research.

Submitted by Larry Eucher, February, 2009

Strangers in the Box

Come Look with me inside this drawer, in this box I've often seen, at the pictures, black and white, faces proud, still and serene.

I wish I knew the people, these strangers in the box, their names and all their memories are lost among my socks.

I wonder what their lives were like, and how they spent their days, what their special times stood for, and all about their ways.

If only one had taken time to tell the who, what, where and when, these faces of my family's past would come to life again.

Take time to save your stories, welcome opportunity when she knocks, or some day you and yours may be the strangers in the box.

Author Unknown

Mesa County Genealogical Societies Member Photos

Nathaniel Burbank

This picture is of Carol Moritz's Great Grandfather, Nathaniel Burbank, who prior to the Civil War, was a whaler out of New England. In the Civil War he served on a Union ship blockading the Caribbean coast of Florida.

Surnames that Carol is researching are:

Holmes, Lynde, Glidden, Hill and Adams.

This is a picture of Ron Knapp's maternal grandfather, Carl George Baker.

Carl was born May 14, 1881 in Quincy, Illinois, Adams County.

Carl's father's name was John Baker, his mother's name was, Margaret Miller Baker. Ron has no further information on them. Family lore has it that he ran away from home in the late 1890's or early 1900's. Family lore also said Carl occasionally mentioned a sister and often talked fondly about a younger brother named Fred (Frederick). Ron's first record of Carl is in Colorado in 1902 working for the railroad in McCoy, Colorado.

Surnames that Ron is researching are:
Knapp, Herbert and Miller.

Any info or questions please call;
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Please send any non-copyrighted photographs of family members that are interesting, funny or you have questions about to Kathie Vlahos for future publication in the newsletter. Kathie's address ▮▮▮▮▮▮▮▮▮▮▮▮▮▮▮▮ *Please include your name, name of person in photo, place and year the photo was taken (if you have that information) and surnames that you are researching.*

1914 U.S. County Maps by State

Janie Edwards found, rescued, scanned and is now sharing this amazing book. If you are like me, you want to see where you ancestors lived, on a map. In fact, while looking at this web site, I discovered that the village of Corinth, Maine is south of South Corinth. I thought I knew the area well, but this was news to me. (my great-great-grandfather lived in Corinth.)

The dates of the individual maps vary from 1910 to 1014. You can see this excellent resource at: http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~shastaca/maps_index.html.

I first learned of this great site by reading a message posted by "patj" on the EOGN Discussion Forum. Thanks Pat!