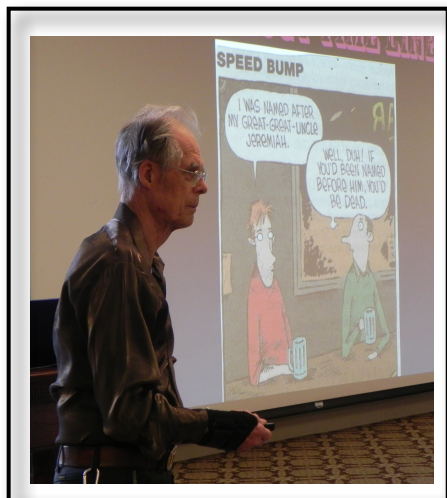




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DECEMBER 18, 2018 Memorable Memoirs Don Helin

Join us to hear Don Helin, resident of North and published author, discuss the many components that go into making your personal memoirs truly meaningful and memorable. A memoir is a journey through the writer's past. It is not an autobiography – one's entire life – but a slice of life. Memoir melds the accuracy of nonfiction with the story-telling tools of fiction. As the author writes, he can create scenes as he would for a fictional story by describing the sites, sounds, smells, and texture encountered. This creative nonfiction helps bring scenes alive with enhanced setting and dialogue, all of which makes the names gathered by genealogy real for our descendants.



NOVEMBER recap *Using Chronologies in Genealogy* George Nettleton discussed and showed examples of how chronologies (a time line) can be useful to organize your material, help fill gaps or work on brick walls, as well as help prepare for searches or trips. Some good questions followed (see iOS Genealogy programs below)

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Dues are \$10 for WV residents, \$15 for County residents. If you

know someone who'd like to join, have them contact Jim Robinson to pay (see sidebar for his email). The preferred method of payment is by check to *Willow Valley Genealogy Club*.. Our membership application is on the [website](#) or ask Jim for a copy at the next meeting..

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Railroad Retirement Board: Do you have an ancestor or relative who worked for the railroad? Try [this site](#) to find record which might well have birth, parents, where living and so on. When on the site, select Collections, then Quick Search, then Railroad Retirement Board and type in what information you know. It indexes by last name & first initial, as all were recorded with just the first initial, so birthdate is helpful in narrowing the hits. Let me know if it helped you at all.

Meeting Displays:

If you have any genealogy items (family tree, photos, letters. etc) to share- please bring them to a meeting to display on one of the tables in the back.

Problems with your Genealogy? Contact George Nettleton

(george@nettletons.net) or Wayne Barner (wabby62@aol.com) to meet you before a meeting for help.

iOS Genealogy programs: At our November meeting, there was a question about genealogy apps/programs for the iPad. One of our members indicated Family Tree Maker was one. Upon further checking however, he found there is no FTM iOS app, and the company doesn't isn't planning one..

Below is a list of some iOS genealogy programs, and I'm sure there are others., Be sure to read reviews to see which might best suit your need. Most, if not all, store the data on the cloud (which may have a fee); only the app. (sometimes) is on your computer.

[Gedview](#)-\$5.00

[MyHeritage](#)-free; apparently data is cloud stored

[Ancestry](#)-free-cloud based app and data (may require an Ancestry subscription)

[Family Tree](#)-\$5.00

[Roots Magic](#)-free-needs desktop version to run; data is cloud stored

[Mobile Family Tree](#)-\$15.00; data may be cloud stored

[Familysearch](#)-\$15.00; data is apparently cloud stored

[Reunion](#)-\$15.00-requires Reunion for Apple desktop or laptop

If you use an iOS app not on this list, let the editor (george@nettletons.net) know or mention it at our next meeting.

The WVGC library catalog is now posted on our [website](#). Click on RESOURCES, then in the 3rd paragraph, click "Please see Genealogy Club Resources part 2 for the list of available books." CHECK IT OUT! (or at least some of the materials).

If you decide to borrow one of the books, there is a green folder on one end the book cart; sign it out (and in) in there when you borrow/return books. There also are a \ number of items put out for grabs-look for them on the stage at the December meeting, because, when they're gone, they're gone.

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NEWSPAPERS: The November meeting included a short book talk on Jim Beidler's 2018 book: Family Tree Guide to Historical Newspapers, which Pat Burkhart just purchased for our WV Genealogy Club Library.

Newspapers are an underused goldmine for genealogists. We get hung up on Ancestry, FindMyPast, Fold3 and such, and in adding more ancestors to our extensive tree, but may have little tangible information about those ancestors (or maybe, even of ourselves). As has been mentioned in the *Notes* before (April 2018, May 2018), there are free and subscription newspaper sites. Some of the things we may find are birth, marriage, death & funeral notices, obituaries, passenger lists, military service, activities, ads, visits, occupation and more. Not each of these can be found for each ancestor, but it can become addicting to search different ancestors or surnames, to see what turns up. It's not the usual statistical information; instead, it's information that adds much to the character of our ancestors. Here's a sampling of some sites you might like to try:

FREE

[Chronicling America](#) from the Library of Congress; major newspapers, mostly [Old Fulton Postcards & Newspapers](#). Don't let the name fool you-it's a great site for small town newspapers

[Elophind](#) search the world's historical newspaper archives

[Free Newspaper Archives in the US](#) with links to sections of the country, then by states and the free digitized newspapers available

[Small Town Papers](#) a work in progress, with many current titles, but also some historical

[Accessible Archive](#) another "in progress" of newspapers, but it also includes WWI newspapers!

SUBSCRIPTION

[Newspapers.com](#) basic is \$45 for 6 months; over 300 years of newspapers, both small town papers & large cities, across the US & World

[GenealogyBank](#) \$70 per year, 1690-present.

Some general subscription sites like Ancestry, may also include newspapers.

Jim Beidler's book is a guide to what can be found, when certain information began to show up in newspapers, has suggestions for searching, and he mentions and has information about many sites. Some sites mentioned are just obituary sites! Next time you come to our meeting, look for the book on our book cart and borrow it.

aside: Jim Beidler is a professional genealogist living in Lebanon, PA (just north of here); he gave a talk to our group in November 2012, on.... Newspapers!

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LDS Family History Library: The digitizing of their records continues with a target date around 2020. To find their digitized records, go to [Finding Digital Images on Family Search](#) tab. If you are searching the catalog, and find a source you'd like which is not yet digitized, let Familysearch know and they may move it up in the queue of their digitizing schedule.

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Some of you may receive the Eastman's Genealogy Newsletter (daily is free, weekly expanded edition is \$20/year) and noticed this article about saving family Bibles, If not, it's interesting and may be worth checking to see if they have turned up your family Bible.

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Find a good website? Send us link to pass on to our members.

Comments, suggestions, complaints? Contact: George Nettleton: george@nettletons.net