



November 2020

November 17 - Occupations of our Ancestors - *Tiffany Fisk, Administrator of the 1719*

Hans Herr House will discuss some 18th century trades, and how many of our ancestors would have completed an apprenticeship to become Journeymen in their own right. She will then focus on one: cooks.

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October-The Census Al Fulvio & George Nettleton discussed “how the census helped my genealogy” and mentioned some key areas to look at. Handouts of what’s in the census are available-email George (see email a the left). Suggestions for accessing the 1950 Census (available April 1, 2022) were offered.

ZOOM Note: Did you know you don’t need a computer, smartphone or tablet to access a Zoom meeting? You can use your land-line phone! When you get the notice from Al, call the phone number and type in the password #

when prompted. Hope to see you Tuesday the 17th at 2:00!

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2020-2021 Programs

Nov: *Occupations of our ancestors*-Tiffany Fisk, Herr House

Dec: *Off-beat Genealogy sites*-George Nettleton

Jan: *1890 Census work arounds*-Steve Ness, Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society Library

Feb: *Finding Female ancestors*-Kristen Wenger, professional genealogist

Mar: *Passing it on: Archiving*-Heather Tennes, Archivist at Lancasterhistory.org

Apr: *Organizing Your Genealogy*-Clay Kilgore, Executive Director, Washington Cty Hist. Soc.

May: *Diseases of our Ancestors*-Rebecca Reinhard, Family History Center

Names; In our October Census talk, we mentioned some cautions about names:

jr. and sr in a community are not necessarily father and son- quite often they signify “older” and “younger”, and may not even be related.

middle name, initials and any combination of those, may be used for the same ancestor on different censuses-which can be both helpful (to know the “full” name) but also confusing.

even **nicknames** (Peg for Margaret is normal, but there are others not so, especially those like “Red” or “Pudgy” or such). I have found my Great-Grandfather: Asahel (pronounced: A-shell) Newton Nettleton, as A.N., A Newton and even as “Newt.”

Spelling-variations abound, especially prior to the 1930’s when there was no Social Security; people weren’t really concerned about spelling (nor were they concerned about dates, so birthdates and ages varied as well. In one book, it mentioned ages listed in 5’s (5, 10, 15, 20, etc.) often could be ballpark and not actual age.)

Some names may be translations of the original foreign name, and some were changed due to social pressure (German, Italian, Jewish, and others)

The idea that names were changed at Ellis Island, or other ports, due to the foreign language, is mostly false; many translators were available to assist.

As a librarian, I had a patron come in looking for an ancestor and I “found” him/her, but was told “it was never spelled that way, it was always...” Smith, Jones, whatever. And so I just backed off. Unfortunately, for them, the name I found might have been the right person.

I read an October 21 obituary on a Spring Run resident, Jean Marcali, who had married Kalman Marcali, but their children and grandchildren were all Marcaly!

I worked with a Knoedl who pronounced his name Ka-nodel, but his brother, spelled the same, pronounced it Nodel! I imagine in a generation or two, the brother’s family may just drop the K, making the family look like separate lines.

So, consider alternates-even for a Jones, when hunting, and make a list of alternates you find, even if they may not be your direct line-at some point you may hit a brick wall, and trying the variant spellings in your arsenal, may help you break through.

Beginner’s Genealogy:

After the October meeting, on October 27 Al Fulvio & George Nettleton held a Beginner’s Genealogy “class” on Zoom with 6 members. Al aptly demonstrated Family Tree Maker and many of its capabilities, then Ancestry. It was informal and the purpose was to give suggestions to people who are just beginning or would like some personal small

group support. If you'd be interested for the next session, a week or two after our November meeting, send Al Fulvio a request to join.

Some time ago we discussed SIGs (Special Interest Groups) which fell flat. Maybe, however, before or after each meeting we could offer a single topic: "how do I" with my genealogy program, German (or other country) search tips, Pennsylvania (or other state), joining a Heritage group, etc. Just some tips on a topic with Q&A for 15-30 minutes. Let us know what you think and what you might like help with. Advertising it before the meeting gives you a chance to see if it would be of help to you, and prepare your questions. Groups might be large, but expectedly would be 1-10 people. Give it some thought -you have a place you'd like help with; an ancestor you can't find, a translation you might need, a type of record you're having trouble finding, etc. Let us know

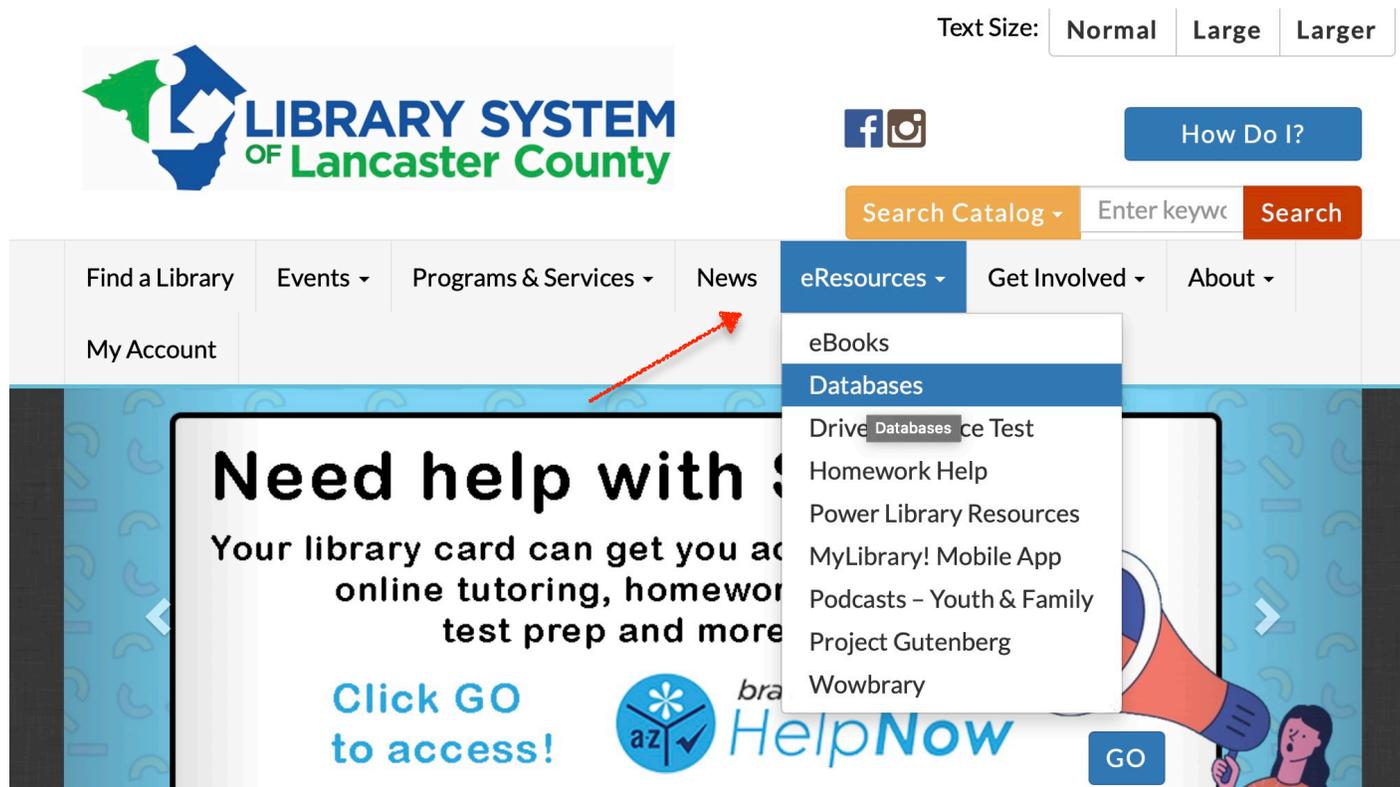
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In preparation for the December presentation, HeritageQuest, an Ancestry-like website was mentioned., here are step-by-step instructions for accessing Heritage Quest.

Let us know what you think:

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First, go to the Lancaster Library System website Select *eResources*, and in the drop down, *Databases*



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1900	1890	1880	1870
1860	1850	1840	1830
1820	1810	1800	1790