

May 2022

<u>May: Activities to do with the Family-</u>Al Fulvio will discuss some activities you can do with the family that are fun and can bring some of your ancestor culture, traditions, and

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nd can bring some of your ancestor culture, traditions, and history to life. He will also have activities where you can share your life experiences, photos, travels, and favorite things, as well as how to visit the places where you and

things, as well as how to visit the places where you and your ancestors lived. This, our last meeting of our fiscal year, will be a Zoom meeting. Look for the link from Jim

Robinson on the 16th

April meeting on Tax Records Carol Darrow did a great talk showing information tax records might have, types of tax records and where to find them. If you didn't get the handouts and would like them, contact george@nettletons.net

Annual Genealogy Board elections:

Our May meeting is the time we vote for new officers for three open positions. As mentioned at our April meeting these are the nominees for this year's open positions:

Vice President-Jim Robinson Treasurer-Dick Guttendorf At Large-Carol Fricke

Come and vote on these positions at our upcoming meeting

2021-2022 Genealogy Club Presentations

May 17-Fun Family Genealogy-Al Fulvio-Genealogy activities to do with the family

Are there areas you'd like to hear or learn about next year? Maybe something you might like to present?. Let us know your thoughts via email or let us know at our meeting.

Genie lites: These are five to ten minute slots for you to share something related to your genealogy. You can do a talk, slide show or just "show and tell." Let a Board member know if you would like to do one

<u>Still seeking indexers:</u> The Lancasterhistory.org website has scans of handwritten tax records but they are not indexed. Would you be willing to help index them so they are searchable? If so, contact pburkhart1@aol.com

You can work on this indexing at your leisure, once a month, once a week, or, if ambitious, daily.

Many of us have genealogy items passed down in the family, which we'd like to preserve on film, for posterity, to share with family or to show while keeping the original item in archival storage. Shotbox (below) looks like an good way to do that. While it is designed for iPhones, it can be used be used with an iPad or camera as well.



◀ TOP TOOLS:

Photographing Heirlooms with Shotbox

I've always catalogued the physical items passed down to me over the years. (My grandmother's journals are some of my favorites.) This year, I'm adding professional-quality photos of the items to the catalog thanks to Shotbox <shotbox.me>, an all-in-one portable light studio. The folks at Shotbox sent me one to try, and I was delighted with the studio-quality photos I was able to take with my smartphone. I also use it to "scan" precious documents, books, and items for insurance purposes. The handy carrying case makes it possible to take it along to interviews with relatives.



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Here's an exciting article if you have family born or married in NYC.