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2025**

Our Genealogy Club Meets the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 2pm, in the Spring Run Auditorium on the Lakes Campus. Be there at 1:30 for sign in. meeting others, and enjoying refreshments!

Spring remaining programs:

May 20 Writing your Family History - George Nettleton

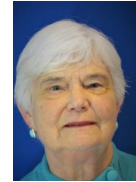
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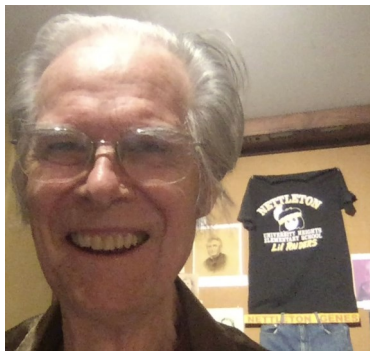


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JUNE 27, FRIDAY 2-4 pm FAMILY TREE MAKER - Special Event
Joint Meeting With Willow Valley Computer Club— CULTURAL CENTER



Meet your program committee George Nettleton

George has been the coordinator for our club programs for over ten years, constantly keeping up with all the myriad of changes in - well Everything! Since "Genealogy Never Ends," George provides ongoing educational programs to help us continue our genealogy research. Born in Danville, NY, these towns have been home: Mt. Morris, Harrison, and Pleasantville, Long Island, New York. His alma mater is SUNY, New Paltz.

George and Ruth have been married 60 years, and have a daughter in Illinois and son in Texas, each with a spouse and three children. In 1996, he retired from his last job on Long Island, after a career as a librarian. When George and his wife Ruth moved into Spring Run in 2004, the first club that he joined was our Genealogy Club, and he has spent 20 years bringing genealogy con-

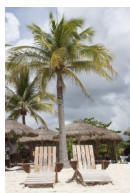
tinuing education to us.

An interest in genealogy was sparked when, as a pre-teen, he found a Civil War uniform, complete (minus moth holes) with hat, swords, belt & buckle in his grandmother's Massachusetts home, and he actually worn that to events.

In college, a distant relative gifted him a Family Bible, and after his grandmother's death in 1968, he Inherited her 1939-44 diary. The diary's a treasure, as both his grandfathers died, and George and his two Nettleton cousins were born during that 1939-1944 span. A Mayflower connection was found by his Grandmother Amy Nettleton and Uncle Albert Nettleton who through twists & turns, connected his family to William Brewster. However, George has never applied to join the descendants of the Mayflower Society. Also notably, his G-Grandfather Asahel was one of the 1st settlers in The Union County (Greeley) Colorado

As a reference librarian, George browsed many reference shelves to become familiar with collections. Books with Nettleton in them were copied (with the book's title page) and filed for "someday."

Someday came with retirement, when he and Ruth traveled to Connecticut, Massachusetts, Colorado & Illinois where his family lived. In 2000, They moved to Lee's Summit, MO, where Ruth's mother was in the largest CCRC at the time, John Knox Village. It "just happened" to be a short distance from the Mid-Continent Library, one of the top genealogy libraries in the country, AND may-be the only one with "open stacks" (full access to their whole collection!). George says that he has enjoyed this journey and is still trying to find "Adam."



Summer Research Help

From *The Ancestor Hunt.com*

WHAT IS ONLINE AT THE U.S. NATIONAL ARCHIVES

A great place to start is to review the [Research Topics](#) that you are interested in. There will be indexes and databases specified that you can search or browse for free! Here is the list with link:

- [African-American Research](#)
- [Aliens](#)
- [Bankruptcy Case Files](#)
- [Census Records \(1790-1940\)](#)
- [Chinese Immigration](#)
- [Congressional Records: Private Claims and Private Legislation](#)
- [Court Records](#)
- [Electronic Records for Genealogy or Other Personal Research](#)
- [Ethnic Heritage Research and Resources](#)
- [Exploration and American Expansion](#)
- [Federal Employees](#)
- [Immigration Records](#)
- [Income Tax Records of the Civil War Years](#)
- [Internal Migration](#)
- [Japanese Americans](#)
- [Land Records](#)
- [Maps of interest to Genealogists](#)
- [Maritime](#)
- [Microfilmed Records](#)
- [Military Records](#)
- [Native American Records](#)
- [Naturalization Records](#)
- [Naval Records](#)
- [Passenger Lists](#)
- [Passport Applications](#)
- [Post Office Records](#)
- [Pre-Federal Records](#)
- [Prisons](#)
- [Social Security Records](#)
- [State Department Records of Genealogical interest](#)
- [Tax Records](#)
- [Vital Records](#)
- [Women](#)

I would also recommend that you read the [National Archives Catalog Guide for Genealogists and Family Historians](#)

You will find many databases above, in the list of Resource Topics. There is an important page that you should then peruse. It is [Access to Archival Databases](#). There are several links that help you to find online databases and indexes. I will repeat the links here:

Genealogy/ Personal History	Private Sector	Wars/ International Relations	Time Spans
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Casualties• Civilians• Military Personnel• Passenger Lists• Prisoners of War	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Businesses• Foundations• Labor Unions• Securities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Civil War• World War II• Korean War• Vietnam War• Cold War• Diplomatic Records	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1800 –1900• 1900 –1940• 1940 –1955• 1955 –1965• 1965 –1975• 1975 –1985• 1985 –1995• 1995 – present
Indexes to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Photographs• Textual Records	Places <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Countries• States• Counties• Cities/Towns• Zip Codes	Government Spending <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Contracts• Grants and Assistance	Browse by Subjects >>

And finally, the [Numerical Identification Files \(NUMIDENT\)](#) files from the Social Security Administration have three types of files: 25 million life or death claims; about 50 million death files; and 72 million SS-5 Application files. All span 1936-2007.

For suggestions for speakers and topics for meetings and newsletter articles beginning Fall of 2025, contact george@nettletons.net or bparkbsma@aol.com