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→ October is Family History Month ←

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- 1) We are trying to offer hybrid meetings (Zoom & in-person), but if Covid increases or there is a glitch in our equipment, meetings will be Zoom-only (see p. 4).
- 2) Check out the New Genealogy Open Lab on the 1st Saturday (see p. 5)

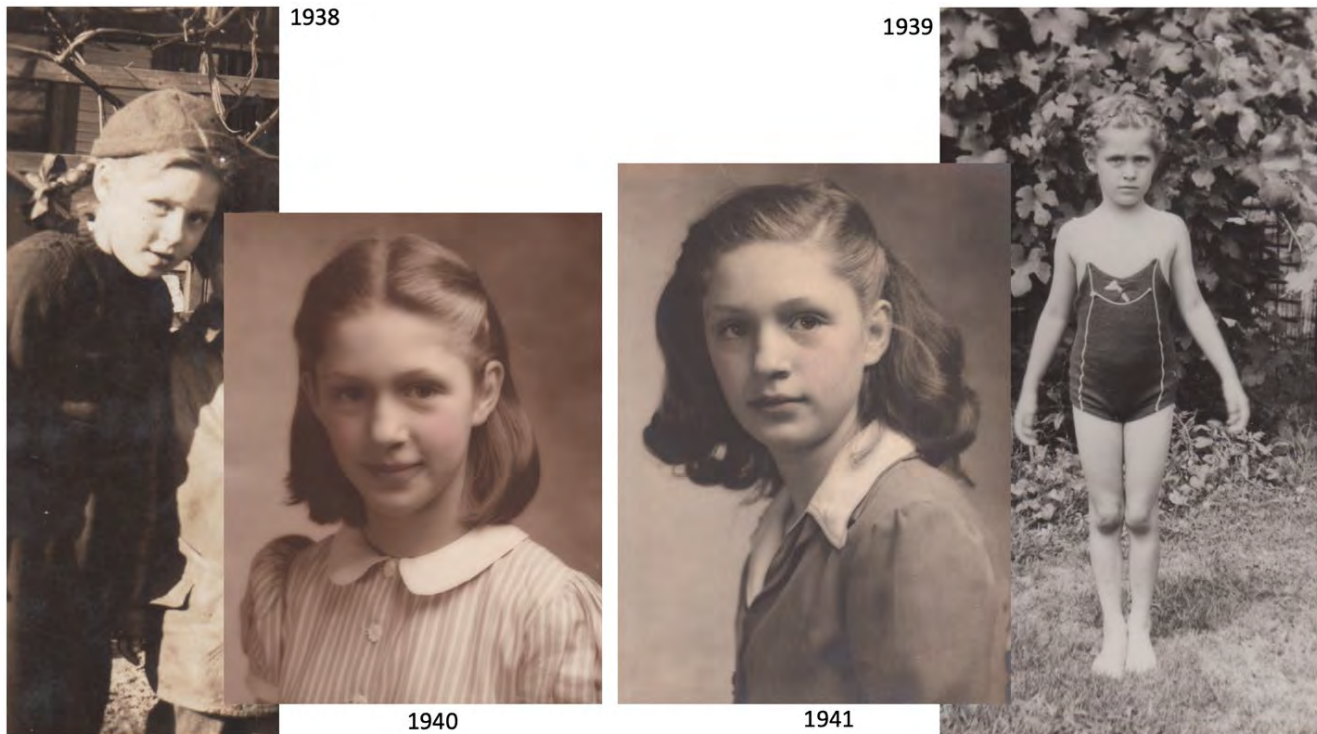
How I Shared Family Pictures with Cousins

by Brad Lemmon

My mother turned 90 on January 11, 2022. She has slowly been giving me her old photographs and a few heirlooms. The photos are quite disorganized. I had done some previous sorting, but during another attempt at organizing, I decided to make a “one photo per year” collection of my mother’s life.

I knew I was going to print a few of these out to mail to some of my mother’s first cousins and two of my siblings, so I didn’t want the thing to be 90 pages long. I decided to do 4 years per page. Dates are the only text on each page so I could maximize the area devoted to the pictures.

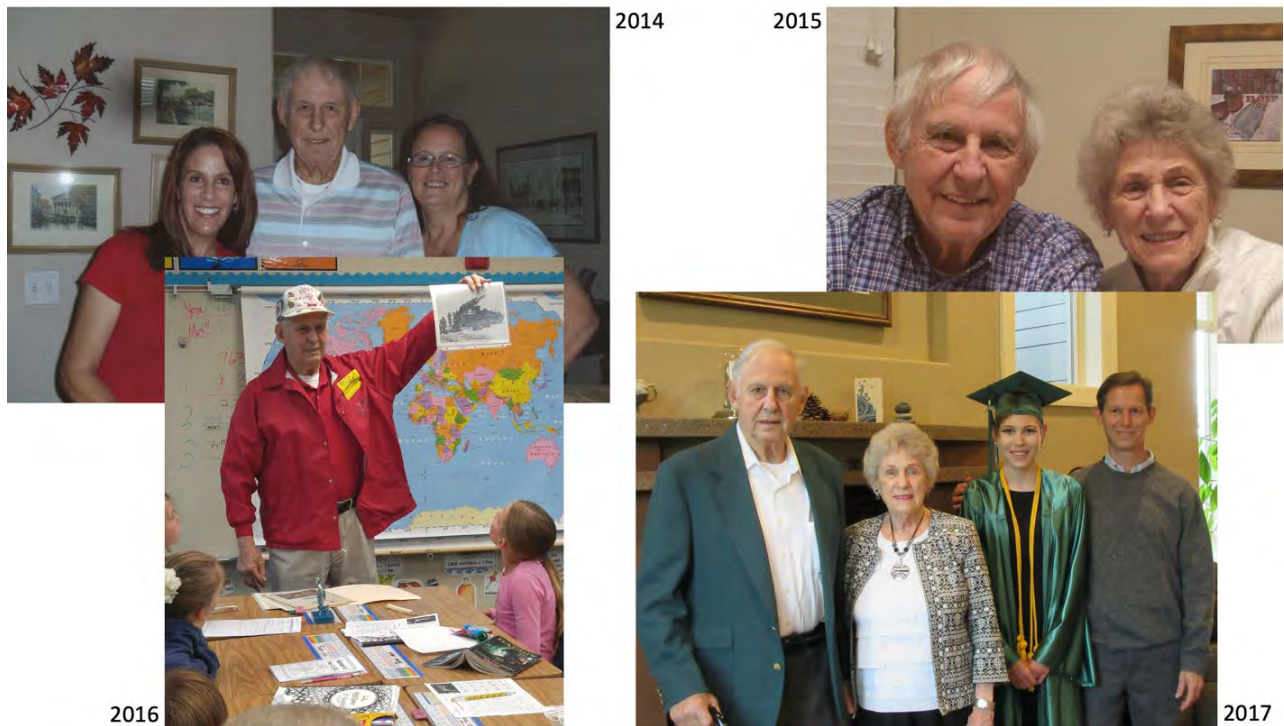
Sample page for my mother:



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I cropped some other people and backgrounds out of many photos, so “valuable genealogy information” was deleted. To make up for that, I put a notes page at the end to capture whatever I knew about each original photo. The final result in PowerPoint isn’t a stringent genealogy document in itself, although I hope it might spark an interest in family history in some younger relatives that see the photos.

A few months after I finished the collection for my mother, I did a set for my father (1932-2018). Both PowerPoint files are large, so I put PDF files of the slides on Google Drive, and sent a link to relatives that didn’t get a paper copy of the photos. Sample page for my father:

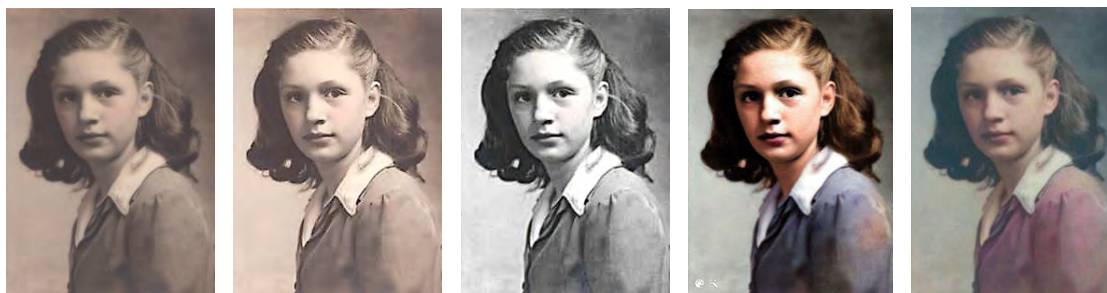


Ancestry.com Has Joined MyHeritage in Offering Photo Colorization Ability

A few months ago, Ancestry.com introduced photo colorization to its subscribers. MyHeritage started offering photo colorization and enhancement in Feb 2020. Vivid-Pix is an easy-to-use standalone program, plus there is Photoshop and other programs like it with many enhancement options. Do you like to colorize

old faded photos? Or not? Photo enhancement is separate from colorization.

Photo enhancement is great to help decipher faded, unreadable records & documents, too.



Original Scan

Word or PowerPoint photo enhancements

Vivid-Pix B&W enhancements. Can do color corrections, too.

MyHeritage enhancement and colorization.

Ancestry has colorization only. No enhancement

BGS BOOK CORNER

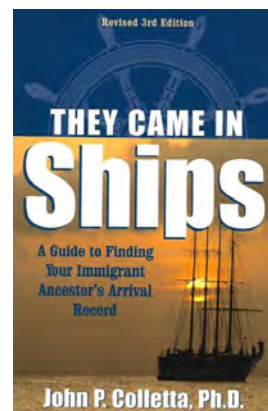
By
**Linda
Martin**

Discovering European Immigrant Ancestors

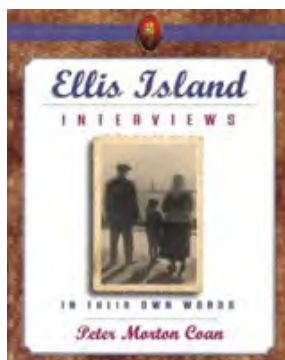
Nancy Loe, aka Sassy Jane, will be presenting *Discovering European Immigrant Ancestors* at the October meeting (see p. 4), so it seems fitting to review the book *They Came in Ships: A Guide to Finding Your Immigrant Ancestor's Arrival Record* by John P. Colletta, Ph.D. Dr. Colletta has an extensive background as a teacher and lecturer of genealogy (BGS hosted him in Bend at the Spring Seminar in 1999).

The revised 3rd edition (2008) of this paperback book has dozens of specific and helpful hints on researching ship's passengers, as well as warnings and suggestions

based on Dr. Colletta's extensive experience. Included are illustrations, some history of Castle Garden, the Barge Office and Ellis Island, as well as a fairly extensive bibliography. Find *They Came in Ships* in the BGS Library.



Finding where an immigrant ancestor entered the US before 1820 can be daunting but Dr. Colletta includes several books in the bibliography, which are on the BGS shelves, including 7 volumes of *Cavaliers and Pioneers: Abstracts of Virginia Land Patents and Grants*, which cover the years 1623-1716, and *the Original Lists of Persons of Quality 1600-1700*. A few other books with passenger lists that BGS has are *Passenger Arrivals at the Port of Baltimore, 1820-1834*; *Passenger Lists at the Port of Philadelphia, 1800-1819*; seven different volumes by Henry Z. Jones, Jr., about the Palatine immigrants; seven volumes of the *Irish Famine Immigrants from Ireland*; and several more.



Another book, with a human-interest flavor, is *Ellis Island: Interviews in Their Own Words* by Peter Morton Coan (1997). The book includes quite a lot of history of Ellis Island along with actual interviews with immigrants, as well as some of the employees stationed there. The book is laid out in chapters so that one can go to the country of interest plus a specific area of that country, and find interviews with named immigrants from the same area. You would have to be incredibly lucky to find an interview with one of your ancestors, but it is likely your ancestor had a similar experience to one in the book. It is interesting to read the various immigrant interviews with people from various countries including good and bad experiences.

BGS Genealogical Library in Williamson Hall

The BGS Library will be open during the 1st Saturday Open Lab on Oct 1, Nov 5, and Dec 3 (see p. 5). Otherwise, the Library is open by appointment. [Click here to find the appointment request form](#) on the BGS website, or you can email your request to Info@bendgenealogy.org.

There are hundreds of new books acquired from the closure of the Madras Family Finders Genealogical Library and several other donors in the last 2 years. And there is a whole bookshelf of FREE books and magazines available, too. Come on in.

Linda Martin and her team, Kim Vanderford and Dana Regan, are getting closer to finishing up the Library reorganization plan. Thank you to all for their hard work, especially Linda!



Discovering European Immigrant Ancestors

2nd Tuesday—October 11—6:00 pm (PT)

Hybrid meeting (Zoom and in-person at Williamson Hall)

Presentation by Nancy Loe, MA, MLS—[Sassy Jane Genealogy](#)



Nancy Loe,
aka. Sassy Jane

Follow in the footsteps of European immigrant ancestors, who arrived in the second and third waves of immigration to the United States between 1820 and 1920. What did your ancestors experience once they left their homes and communities and sailed to America? Then discover essential and unusual resources for migration research available for your family history research.

Nancy holds dual Master's degrees in American History and in Library Science with a specialization in archives. During her 40-year career, she has assisted hundreds of people with their family research in the United States, Norway, Sweden, Scotland, Germany, Prussia (Poland), and other European countries.

Registration is Required! [Click this link to go to the BGS Website and Register](#)

→ Important Information about BGS Meetings this year on the 2nd Tuesday ←

- All meetings are FREE for BGS members (on Zoom or in-person).
- **Non-members: In-person attendance is free, but Zoom attendance is \$5.00.**
- Hybrid meetings: Attend in-person at Williamson Hall or virtually on Zoom.
- If COVID/flu becomes epidemic or a snow storm occurs, meetings will be Zoom-only. We will let registrants know via email if in-person has to be canceled.

Coming Up in November

Record As You Go, Cite As You Go, and File As You Go

2nd Tuesday—November 8—10:00 am (PT)

Presentation by Cyndi Ingle of [Cyndi's List](#)



Cyndi Ingle

Genealogists tend to get very excited about new records and sources they come across in their research. So much so that they grab a quick copy, download it to default folders, and move on to the next item without thoroughly exploring the record and source first. Learn how Cyndi records, cites, and files all records she finds AS SHE GOES. Doing this keeps her research more organized, but also keeps her research brain tidy and more focused as well.

Registration is required and will open soon.

1st Saturday Genealogy Open Lab

Try the Genealogy Open Lab—FREE

New In-person event in Bend—10 am to Noon

On the 1st Saturday of the month, BGS is hosting an in-person Genealogy Open Lab. This event is NOT a class. It is dedicated, uninterrupted research time just for you in the Williamson Hall Rec Room. Brad Lemmon and Sue Dolezal are the Open Lab hosts and if you have questions, they will be nearby to offer advice. **The BGS Library will be open during the Open Lab time.**

The public is invited to the Open Lab, too. If you have a friend who is interested in starting their family tree, invite them to the Lab. Brad or Sue can help them start their family history journey and find their first ancestor.

Location: Williamson Hall, 2200 NE Hwy 20, Bend, 97701. [Click here](#) for a map to see the Hall's location.

Registration is NOT required, but please RSVP, so Brad and Sue will know to expect you.

[Click here to RSVP for the Open Lab on Oct 1](#)

1st Saturday

Oct 1

Nov 5

Dec 3

Come once or more than once.

Bring your laptop or other device.

This is not a class; it is research time.

The Write Stuff... Everybody has a story to tell



Pat Reck

FREE WRITER'S GROUP for beginners and all interested writers honing their skills. Come and blaze through writer's block, or just come to enjoy the group and make new friends. There will be fun writing prompts and ice breakers. Bring some shorts to share, and revel in the reviews and gentle suggestions from the group.

The Write Stuff is open to the public. Any genre of stories is welcome, not just family history stories.

Registration is NOT required. Join the group at any time. Just attend at the East Bend Public Library on Wednesdays. Call Pat with questions: (541) 788-6385. Pat has authored several books and is a longtime member of BGS. Her enthusiasm for writing is contagious.

Time/Day

Wednesdays
10:20 am–12:30 pm

Sep 28
Oct 5, 12, 19, 26

Location

East Bend
Public Library
62080 Dean Swift Rd

December 13th is Celebration and Potluck Time!

At least we are hoping to finally have our Holiday Potluck this year. In anticipation of an in-person potluck, we are asking for volunteers to set up tables, make coffee, conduct the silent auction fundraiser, etc. Volunteers can determine the etc.

To help with the potluck, email Info@bendgenealogy.com or call 541-317-9553 (leave message).



TIDBITS FROM THE WEB

For Car Fanatics: Ford Heritage Vault Opens to the Public.

Remember your first car? If you do, chances are it might have been a Ford. The company has opened the [Ford Heritage Vault](#), which is a collection of more than 5,000 curated photos and product brochures for Ford & Lincoln vehicles. Our ancestors loved taking photos with their cars. If you can date the car, the photo had to be taken after the date the car was manufactured. Websites like the [Ford Heritage Vault](#) can help you identify Ford cars, or use Google Images to help you find a car photo that can be used to identify the car in your ancestor's photo.



1949 Ford Custom Club Coupe



How to Search Google Images

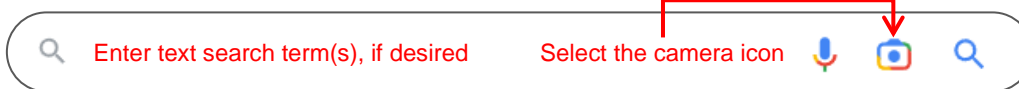
with an Image: Most of my family photos have no names, places, or dates. I know the man is my father in his Army uniform in this picture, which had to be taken after 1938 when enlisted in the Army. How can I identify the car?



Sandy's dad with an unknown car

First, go to Google Images at: <https://images.google.com/>. You can enter a text search term, e.g., dogs, and the image search will find

photos, artwork, etc. of dogs. The type of car is unknown, but using the image as the search criteria, will find similar images. Here's how to search for images with an image: When Google Images opens, select the



camera icon by clicking it. Entering text search terms is not required.

After clicking the camera icon, a popup window appears where you can drag and drop the scan of your photo or upload it from a location on your device. Google then looks for exact copies of the image and similar images, and returns the results.

I found the car. My dad is standing next to a Nash 400 sedan, built in 1935 or 1936. I don't know if he owned this car, or if he just wanted his picture taken with what he thought was a cool old car. The photo must have been taken after 1938 and before the beginning of 1943, when he left for WWII, or perhaps after the War, when he returned home at the end of 1945. I cannot make out the insignia on his uniform to determine his rank, which would help date the photo. I know the make of the car now. I wish I knew the story about it.



Nash 400 Sedan, 1935 or 1936

Google Image searches can be great for pictures of buildings, schools and/or churches, when you don't know where they are located. Upload a photo to Google Images and perhaps you'll find where it stands today, or in the past, if it's not standing any longer. There are millions of recent and historic images on the internet, and Google Image Search will do its best to find a matching or similar image.



Genealogical Forum of Oregon's next FREE ZOOM GenTalk is on Saturday, Oct 15 at 2:30 pm (PT) and features Gena Palmer, AG, who will present: **"Meyers Gazetteer: A Power Tool for German Research."**

This live presentation is a great opportunity to learn about using the

Meyers Gazetteer in your German research. Register at: [GFO GenTalks](#).



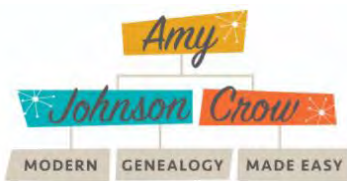
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New Website for Alabama Researchers. A new website is up and running from the Alabama Department of Archives and History. [Click here for a brief announcement](#) about the new site from Montgomery, Alabama TV news. The new site's goal was to make all the resources of the Archives more easily accessible. [Click here to go to the new site.](#)

[Click here](#) to explore various the research categories. There are many [Digital Collections](#), including Photographs, 1867 & 1875 Voter Registration Books, Maps, and more. The [Civil War Service](#) database could be helpful. There are also many [Videos](#) on a variety of subjects. There is a lot to explore. Maybe you will discover something exciting.

The Digital Library of Georgia. Georgia also has a [large website](#) that is a gateway to Georgia's history. You might find a gem for your research. Earlier this year another 77,000 pages of Georgia newspaper titles were added to the [Georgia Historic Newspapers site](#) and are freely available to search and read. The site now includes over 2 million newspaper pages between 1763 and 2021. It is usually well worth your time to visit the State Archives and the Historic Newspaper sites in the state were your ancestors lived to discover if new content is available.



Research Tip – When Ancestors Changed Names. Name changes or unexpected names can be confusing in your genealogy research. Amy Johnson Crow will help you learn how to spot the clues pertaining to name changes so you can sort various names all out in [this short six-minute video.](#)

Six Ways the Past Stank – Literally. We tend to think the good old days were idyllic and wonderful. A.J. Jacobs, American journalist, thinks differently and contends in [an essay on the Mental Floss site](#) that the past stunk—both metaphorically and literally. In the essay, he gives you 6 reasons why we should be happy, and our noses should be happy, that we are alive today. You may remember A.J. Jacobs from 2015, when aimed to connect himself and as many people as possible to a global family tree. He hosted the largest family reunion in history (3,700 people) in New York on June 6, 2015. [Global Family Reunion web page](#) and [A.J. Jacob's TED talk](#) in 2014 about the project.



Vita Brevis (life is short) is a long-running blog from American Ancestors. The articles are written by the research staff at NEHGS and other experts in the field. The articles through the years have been on a huge variety of topics. I never can predict what the next article will be about. *Vita Brevis* is free—[subscribe here](#), if desired. Two examples of *Vita Brevis* articles:



Tracing a Tall Tale: was Elvis really in the building?
15 Sep 2022
This article is about a family story that involves Elvis Presley. Was it true? [Click here to read the article.](#)



A President's Origins
5 Apr 2021
In the late 1880s, VP-elect Chester A. Arthur was alleged to be a native of Canada and ineligible to hold office in America. Was it true? [Click here to read the article](#)

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Bend Genealogical Society Financial Status

Year-to-date 22-23 FY, as of 6 Sep 2022
Total Paid Membership: 101

Total Cash Assets	\$ 25,136.73
Dues Income (7 new members)	\$ 780.00
Other Income	\$ 355.79
YTD Total Income	\$ 1,135.79
YTD Total Expenses	\$ 1,229.06

BGS Leadership Council (LC)

President: Sandy Thompson	<u>Other LC members</u>
Vice President: Vacant	Linda Martin
Secretary: Brad Lemmon	Kelly McCray
Treasurer: Sandy Thompson	Clark & Rita Pederson
Director: Sue Dolezal	Kim Vanderford
Director: Vacant	Jim Kleinschmidt
Past President: Vacant	Dana Regan
	Alex Smith



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