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Why Name our Journal Stirpes? Pronounced "STÛR'PEZ," it perfectly describes the core understanding of our passion in researching ancestry and family history: The phrase "... to my heirs, per stirpes" means that the legal heirs share their inheritance based on their relationship to the deceased." (See full story in *Stirpes*, 2016, Volume 55, Number 3-4)

From the

Editors' Pen



Little did we realize, when we selected the theme “Going Home” for this issue, the outpouring of emotional responses we’d receive from *Stirpes*’ readers. Our survey mining their experiences garnered such heartfelt comments as “I felt such joy” ... “It was a ‘Eureka moment’” ... “I felt such elation walking where my ancestors had walked” ... “My heart beat a little faster to see the house my grandfather built.” Seeing an ancestral home touches a place deep in our hearts where we yearn for a connection to our roots.

This issue of *Stirpes* plumbs those first-person “Going Home” adventures to show how valuable a trip to the home place can be, whether it’s in your backyard, in your state, in the U. S., or international. Following her article in the last issue on finding her ancestor through DNA testing, Jeannette Piecznski writes of visiting her ancestor’s home in “Ancestral Paths: Galveston, Texas, to Marstal, Denmark.” Devon Lee shares her experiences and the deeper understanding she gained on old family stories in “Connecting to My Maple Tree in Canada.” “Going Home to Norway” highlights the serendipity and sheer luck that brought Tony Hanson to discover cousins and his ancestor’s farm. A chance find of a family photograph in an antique shop led Russ Rahn to identify the subjects and discover the purpose for the family gathering in “Photo Analysis Reveals Likely Reason for Moss Family Homecoming.”

Rounding out our “Going Home”

theme is a set of three articles addressing travel to the old home place for researching and connecting to our past. “Going Home - TxSGS Members Share Experiences” presents over thirty insightful responses by TxSGS members to our “Going Home” survey on their travels from across their hometown to across the globe. Based on their experiences, readers also provided travel tips in “Preparation a Key Component for Ancestral Adventures.” Sandra Crowley shares ideas for making the most of all those photographs, documents, interviews, and other valuable research gleaned on your trip in “Your Adventure is Over - Now What?” Reflecting on our “Going Home” theme, we recall what Pat Gordon shared: “I learned early on that there is no substitute for researching on location. It is the only way I know to capture a sense of place of where they lived.” I don’t think we *Stirpes* editors could say it any better!

In addition to our “Going Home” articles, *Stirpes* contains a few more general genealogy articles. “Settling Accounts: Lewis C. Manson in Colonial Texas” is an extensive and in-depth article on Lewis C. Manson, an obscure Republic of Texas judge who served only a short time during the turbulent months prior to the Texas Revolution. Readers will gain new insight into that era of Texas history and glean techniques for researching their own Republic of Texas ancestor. “DNA Ethnicity Estimates (BioGeographical and Admixture Estimates): Why the Differences?”

continues Debbie Parker Wayne’s DNA educational series. “Discovering What’s between the Dashes with The Portal to Texas History” by Dreanna Belden shares a brief overview of researching online at the Portal to Texas History.

This issue also includes a handful of TxSGS articles to keep our members and readers abreast of events: “TxSGS Annual Business Meeting Held Online 21 October 2017,” “TxSGS Dues Set to Increase 1 January 2018,” and “New District Map Balances Partner Societies.” We especially want to draw your attention to the incoming TxSGS board of directors in “Introducing New Officers for the 2018 and 2018-2019 Term.”

Stirpes applauds the many 2017 award winners in “TxSGS Recognizes Quality Research, Writing, and Websites with 2017 Awards” and proclaims “Good Job!” to all those who submitted books, manuscripts, websites, and publications for award consideration.

Finally, in this 2017 holiday season, we wish to all our readers a “Happy Holidays” and share with you the hopeful, heartfelt holiday desires of our readers in “Holiday Wishes.”

~ *Stirpes* Editors ☆



Ancestral Paths: Galveston, Texas, to Marstal, Denmark

by Jeannette Piecznski

In the September 2017 issue of *Stirpes*,¹ I wrote about the DNA validation of our Tofte family research. Finding Danish Tofte cousins through DNA confirmed without a doubt that our Tofte family originated from Marstal, Denmark.

My ancestor Peder Hansen Tofte was born on 25 November 1812 in Marstal to Hans Pedersen Tofte and Anna Marie Hendrichdatter; Peder immigrated from Marstal to Galveston, Texas, before 1853.

My mother, Diane Tofte Kropp, and I traveled to Denmark to walk in the steps of our ancestors and meet one of our relatives who was a DNA match to my grandfather. They were third cousins born just a few years apart. Genealogist Birgitte Helmo had located the relative and handled his DNA testing. He was a retired English professor, living with his wife outside of Copenhagen. She arranged for us to visit them at their home.

Mr. and Mrs. Tofte have a beautiful yard with flowers and a bird feeder outside their breakfast window. It reminded me of my grandfather who also had a bird feeder outside his breakfast window many years ago. There were resemblances between Mr. Tofte and my grandfather. They both had a special twinkle in their eyes and Mr. Tofte looked so sweet as he held his wife's hand. He read us a poem in Danish and in English that was written about some of the area we would see as we returned to Copenhagen to prepare for the next part of our genealogy trip.

Denmark genealogist Per Andersen and his wife Inge drove us from Copenhagen to Marstal. We stopped at Broholm Castle along the

way. This beautiful castle dates to the 12th century and has been owned by the same family for thirteen generations. It is surrounded by a moat with swans and small cygnets that could fit in the palm of your hand. Hanging in the main wing are several painted pedigree charts including the family's Coat of Arms passed down by generations.

The Baltic Sea island of Ærø is the site of the towns Soeby, Ærøskøbing, and Marstal. The only way to Ærø is by car or train followed by ferry. We had a delightful Danish lunch prior to leaving Svendborg on the ferry to Ærøskøbing. Arriving by water to this island brings a reflection of our family history—we are beginning our steps as they did and seeing what they saw.

Per took us on a drive around the island as we got our first look at historic homes, beautiful rolling landscapes of green, and the Neolithic burial site at Langdysse Tingstedet. We stopped at Rise Kirke (Church), where our Tofte ancestors and other Marstal residents attended church until 1738. It is a Romanesque Church from the late

12th century. Signs of this maritime island can be seen in the churches where ships hang from the nave and a painting of Martin Luther shows him standing in the stern of a ship with his hand on the rudder.

We arrived in Marstal and stayed at a quaint B&B called Nostalg Marstal just a few blocks from the harbor where you can still see the tall ships docked. Built in 1777, this B&B was in the same area of town that our ancestors lived. Each morning, our hostess greeted us with breakfast and conversation about the island.

Home to shipbuilders and seamen,



Nautical elements in the Marstal Kirke evoke the villagers' dependence on the sea. Note the model ship hanging from the nave.

Connecting to My Maple Tree in Canada

by Devon Noel Lee

On a 2013 trip from Iowa to Montreal, Canada, my husband, five children, and I added Ontario to our itinerary. This side destination was beyond exciting to me as my paternal grandmother's family had lived in Gainsboro, Ontario, for many generations. Grandma was the first "American"-born child in her family.

As we lived in Texas and then Iowa, Canada was always out of reach even though I yearned to visit my ancestral roots. When the opportunity came to go to Montreal, suddenly my dream trip became a reality!

I couldn't wait to meet my father's Zumstein cousin, an Ontario native. She lived close to the old family farm, the church that repeatedly appeared on my pedigree charts and group sheets, and the family plots in the local cemetery.

Standing on the Zumstein farmland, I learned it hasn't changed much since the late 1700s and throughout the 1800s when my ancestors lived there. The farmhouse has had various improvements throughout the years, but for the most part, it remains similar to the original design. Their first home, a log cabin built by the German immigrant sons in anticipation of the arrival of their parents, provided wood for the barn, which is still standing after a hundred years.

As I stood on the farm visualizing how close the farms of my great-grandparents' families had been, I could imagine the young lives of Robert and Clementine and their love story. They were neighbors. They could walk to church and their one-room schoolhouse or socialize after completing their chores. Great-grandpa Robert married the girl on the next farm.



The Zumstein barn.

Standing on the homeland felt like traveling through a time machine, yet my connections to the past continued in unexpected discoveries.

First, I learned I pronounced my ancestor's name wrong. Having never visited Canada or known anyone from the neighbor to America's north, I didn't realize the English spoken in Canada carries an accent more common to England than the U.S. As my dad's cousin spoke, my ears tickled with happiness. This happiness stopped short when I heard the name Ithamer Comfort pronounced. I was shocked. I had said Ithamer's name for four decades as 'ith-Uh-mer'! For a person whose maiden name is rarely said correctly on the first go, I felt sheepish. Upon returning home, I quickly

made a pronunciation guide so those reading his name in the family history will know how to say it as 'Eye-th-uh-mer'.

Next, I realized that my imagination of the land of Lincoln, Ontario, was wrong. A beloved family story tells about my 3rd great-grandaunt, Matilda Hedrick. She was traveling from Essex to Grimsby by train to be in attendance at the birth of the third child of her older sister, Catherine Zumstein.

Communication failed, and Matilda arrived without family to greet and transport her to the farm. Helpful citizens familiar with the Zumsteins told Matilda that the destination was just over the mountain. According to the story, the mountain was steep, and snow had begun to fall. The discouraged young lady sat down and cried before help arrived.

While visiting with my cousin, I asked where the mountain was. I had passed no mountain on the drive into town. She pointed toward a sizeable geographical bump in the otherwise rolling hills of farmland. My first reaction was, "Are you sure that's the mountain from the story?"

Indeed the elevation of the landform did extend higher into the sky

than the surrounding hills. But a mountain? Mountains are like the Rockies or Mt. Saint Helen or Mt. Rainer. You know, a MOUNTAIN! This was just a large hill.

Looking back, I realized my perspective of what a mountain entailed was faulty. If I had been Matilda in 1862 and had to walk over that hill to my family, it would have



The schoolhouse that Robert and Clementine attended is now a home.

Going Home to Norway

by Tony Hanson

The first brick wall I confronted when I began my genealogical research was my grandmother's heritage. She was the only grandparent I ever knew, and I loved visiting her in her small home in Northern Wisconsin. Sadly, she died long before I became interested in my family history. All she left me was a burning desire to visit Norway.

It took a while, but I finally found a life partner (my wife Kathleen) who loved the idea of going to Europe as much as I did and so in 1992 we embarked on our first "trip of a lifetime" together.

For some reason I felt compelled to document the trip and wrote this in my journal while we were on a train heading for Oslo:

"Norway! Have just crossed the border at Kornsjø. Am seeing a lot of trees, hills, lakes and rocks. I have seen several vistas of wooded hills around beautiful lakes that remind me of the parts of Wisconsin that I love so much. As much as I love mountains, water and scenery like this, I have to believe that heredity has something to do with it. I feel like I am coming home."

Years later, I would discover that our train had passed through Sarpsborg and that we were less than 18 miles from Skiptvet, my grandmother's birth place, as I wrote those words. That still gives me chills when I think about it.

I got the genealogy bug in 1999 and started researching my grandmother's past. Some family members recalled her saying that she was an orphan; others said she claimed that she had been raised by gypsies. All I knew for sure was that her name was Inger Marie Dahl and that she had been born in Norway.

Repeated questioning teased out a

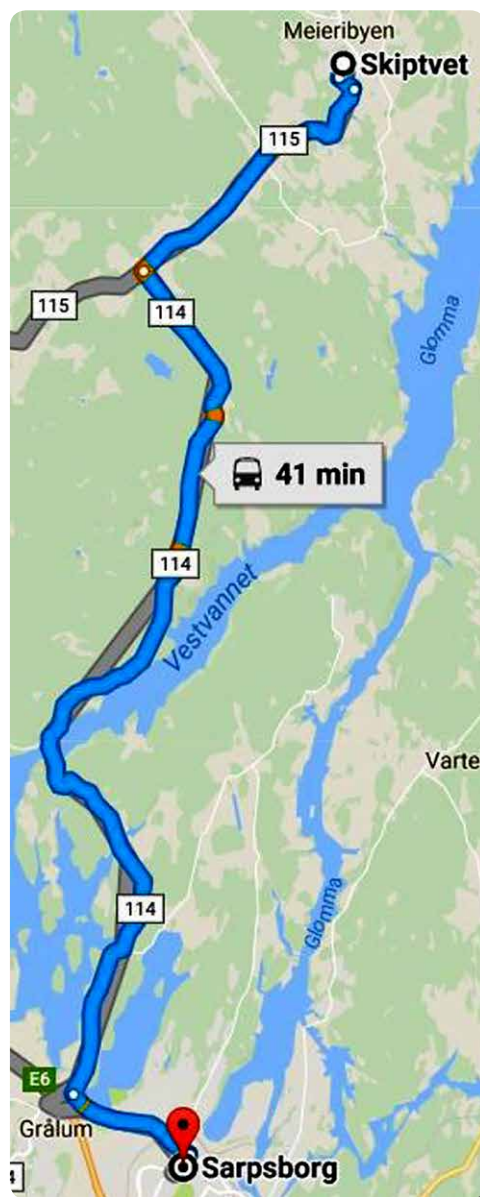
few more "facts" from my family. According to my mother, my grandmother's passage to America was arranged by a doctor in North Dakota with the understanding that they would eventually be married. Instead, she rejected the offer and worked to pay off her debt. My older sister, who shared a bedroom with my grandmother whenever she stayed with us, remembered her saying that she had been raised in a town called "Rakkistad."

My research eventually turned up a ship's record that showed an "Inger M. Dahl" arriving in New York, heading for North Dakota, whose nearest living relative was Mr. Anton Syverten from Rakkestad, Norway. Norwegian shipping records revealed an "Inga Marie Dahl (Antons)" from Rakkestad sailing out of Kristiana (present day Oslo). Church records from Rakkestad documented her 1886 birth to Anton Martin Syverssen and Laura Larsdatter, the birth of two brothers and two sisters, as well as the death of her mother when Inger was 5 years old.

Additional research eventually revealed that Inger's husband, Anton Edwin Hanson, descended from a long line of ancestors from Nesna in Northern Norway.

By 2006, I felt that I had learned enough (spoiler alert: I hadn't) to justify another trip to Norway to visit Rakkestad and Nesna and so Kathleen and I headed off for yet another "trip of a lifetime."

We flew into Oslo, rented a car, and made the one-hour drive to Rakkestad. It is not large enough to have a tourist information center, but it was big enough to make



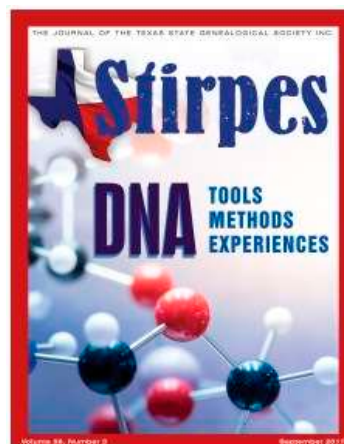
Traveling through Sarpsborg on his first trip to Norway, Tony was only 18 miles from his grandmother's birthplace.



Make 2018 the year you tell your family's story! Whether you're sharing information about ancestors you've recently discovered or tips other genealogists can use to help them in their research, TxSGS wants to know more.

Themes for 2018:

- Q1 – **Photographs** (Jan 15 deadline)
- Q2 – **FAN Clubs** (April 15 deadline)
- Q3 – **Storytelling** (Aug 15 deadline)
- Q4 – **Resolved** (Oct 15 deadline)



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TxSGS Recognizes Quality Research, Writing, and Websites with 2017 Awards

TxSGS is pleased to award twenty-nine prizes in ten categories, celebrating the effort represented by the books, manuscripts, and websites submitted by TxSGS members. According to Bill Buckner, Awards Chairman, "The TxSGS Awards program is a prime example of the Society's commitment to its members. This year alone, almost \$3,000 will be presented to members and partner societies who competed and won in seven categories covering books, manuscripts, periodicals, and websites."

"Recognition by one's peers and the bragging rights that go along with that moment in the sun stimulate and



provide the catalyst for healthy competition," Bill explained. "In turn, more members write; good writers get better; and experienced writers provide us with truly excellent family history resources."

"In the relatively short period that I have been involved in the Awards program," Bill reflected, "I have seen an increase in the quality of individuals' and societies' entries in the competition. This year's Book Awards alone saw some amazing books." He continued, "I thank everyone that entered this year's competition. I encourage all to continue to write, research, and pass on your discoveries."

Book Awards

Chair: Bill Buckner

Grand Prize (\$400)

Jeremiah White: A First Family of Ohio (2016) by Alice Ruth (White) Kiel and Frank Wilson Kiel of Comfort, Texas.

Category I:

Books by Non-Professional / Family History

1st Place (\$200)

Rupert and Evelyn: the Lives and Lineages of Rupert Claridge Jr. and Evelyn Wisdom (v.1: Claridge, Stow, and related families) (2016) by Karen Claridge Walker of Tulsa, Oklahoma.

2nd Place (\$100)

The William French Family of Arkansas/Texas (2016) by Gale French of Friendswood, Texas.

3rd Place (\$50)

The Dummy and the Diamond: a Sketch in the Lives of Billy Don & Nolo Gene Davis (2016) by Billy Don Davis of Abilene, Texas.

Category I:

Books by Non-Professional / References

1st Place (\$200)

Trammel's Trace: the First Road to Texas From the North (2016) by Gary L. Pinkerton of Houston, Texas.

2nd Place (\$100)

A History of the Corsicana Cotton Mill and Its Employees (2017) by John C. Barron of Corsicana, Texas.

3rd Place (\$50)

Anderson County, Texas, Probate Records Index: 1846-1878 (2017) by Michael J. Vaughn of Flint, Texas.

Category II:

Books by Professional / References

1st Place (\$200)

El Carmen: The Chapel of the Battle of Medina (2017) by Art Martinez de Vara of Von Ormy, Texas.

Category VII:

Books Published by Partner Societies

1st Place (\$200)

Bexar County, Texas, Remembering WWI, a Genealogical Collection (2017) edited by Larry W. Luckett (San Antonio Genealogical and Historical Society).

2nd Place (\$100)

Czech Ancestral Homes (2017) by the Texas Czech Genealogical Society.

3rd Place (\$50)

The Collection of Kenneth and Sidney Brice: Early Histories of Hopkins County, Texas (2017) compiled by Kenneth Brice, Sidney Brice, and Shirley Patchen (Hopkins County Genealogical Society).

Manuscript Awards

Chair: Katherine "Kitty" Massey

Category III: Manuscripts (Non-Professional)

1st Place (\$100)

"The Nelson Family in World War I" (published in *Our Heritage*, v. 58, nos. 1-2, San Antonio Genealogical and Historical Society) by Katherine Nelson Hall.

2nd Place (\$50)

"Early Texas Ancestors of Connie Powell: Bernard and Anna Peufer Kleekemp Schneider" (published in *Stalkin' Kin of Old West Texas*, v. 44, nos. 1-2, San Angelo Genealogical and Historical Society) by Susan E. Ball.

3rd Place (\$30)

"Discovering a Large Extended Family in a Small Church Cemetery: Condron, Bray, and Hartrick Burials" (published in *Bay Area Genealogical Society Journal*, March 2017, Bay Area Genealogical Society) by Melodey M. Hauch.

Category III: Manuscripts (Professional)

1st Place (\$100)

"David Benes Barkley-Cantu, Private, U.S. Army, Medal of Honor" (published in *Our Heritage*, v. 58, nos. 1-2, San Antonio Genealogical and Historical Society) by Annette Graham.

2nd Place (\$50)

"Thomas Bronaugh: Veteran of the War of 1812 and Resident of Kentucky, Indiana, and Missouri" (published in *Our Heritage*, v. 58, nos. 3-4, San Antonio Genealogical and Historical Society) by Cynthia Kennedy, Ph.D.

3rd Place (\$30)

"The Many Wives and Troubled Life of Samuel Clinton Ash" (published in *Our Heritage*, v. 57, nos. 3-4, San Antonio Genealogical and Historical Society) by Annette Graham.

Periodical, Quarterly, and Journal Awards

Chair: Mic Barnette

Category VI:

Official Periodicals of Partner Societies / Newsletters

1st Place (\$100)

The SAGHS Newsletter, San Angelo County Genealogical and Historical Society, Susan E. Ball, editor.

2nd Place (\$50)

South Plains Roots, The Newsletter of the South Plains Genealogical Society, South Plains Genealogical Society, Sharon Hall, editor.

3rd Place (\$30)

Echoes Through the Pines, Angelina County Genealogical Society, Keith Allred, editor.

Category VI:

Official Periodicals of Partner Societies / Quarterlies

1st Place (\$100)

Heart of Texas Records (Central Texas Genealogical Society), Marjorie Kultgen, editor.

2nd Place (\$50)

Hopkins County Heritage (Hopkins County Genealogical Society), Carol Ann Dixon, editor.

3rd Place (\$30)

Ceske Stopy (Texas Czech Genealogical Society), Charlene Hurta, Marjorie Kultgen, Dawn Orsak, editors.

Category VI:

Official Periodicals of Partner Societies / Journals

1st Place (\$100)

Our Heritage (San Antonio Genealogical and Historical Society), Larry W. Luckett, editor.

2nd Place (\$50)

Plum Creek Almanac of Caldwell County, Texas (Caldwell County Genealogical and Historical Society), Donaly Brice, Publications Chairperson.

3rd Place (\$30)

Stalkin' Kin in Old West Texas (San Angelo Genealogical and Historical Society), Allen Wright, editor.

Website Awards

Chair: Randy Whited

Category I: Website for a Partner Society

1st Place (\$100)

San Antonio Genealogical and Historical Society:
<http://www.txsgahs.org>

2nd Place (\$75)

San Angelo Genealogical and Historical Society:
www.SAGHS-TX.org

3rd Place (\$50)

Dallas Genealogical Society:
<http://dallasgenealogy.com>

DNA Ethnicity Estimates (BioGeographical and Admixture Estimates): Why the Differences?

by Debbie Parker Wayne, CGSM, CGLSM

Introduction

Researchers who keep up with mass media articles on Direct to Consumer (DTC) genetic tests may be confused as to how useful DNA tests are for genealogy. Articles that show triplets receive different ethnicity predictions.¹ (The term “ethnicity predictions” is also known as biogeographical and admixture estimates. While ethnicity may be the least accurate term, it is the one most used by the general public so it is used here). Other articles indicating that the same person gets different ethnicity predictions from different companies receive much publicity.²

Different estimates are to be expected. By its very nature, ethnicity estimates will vary between companies and even between siblings,

but the testing companies do not explain this before convincing a person to buy a test kit. This misunderstanding causes many people to question how accurate DNA is as evidence to answer any genealogical question. Shared segment analysis is very accurate while ethnicity estimates are less accurate for answering some questions.

Good researchers develop logical analysis skills and dig in to find the truth. We read the contradictory articles so we understand the issues. On the face of it, some statements seem to make sense. Instead of accepting these statements, good researchers investigate to learn all the facts so that we can make an informed decision on using evidence from all of the records that we consult, whether documentary or DNA sources.

The Lure of Ethnicity Estimates

Every television viewer has seen the ubiquitous commercials encouraging people to order a DNA test to learn about their ethnicity. No work is required of the test-taker and the concept is easy for non-researchers to understand—until they see different numbers from different companies or the predictions do not exactly match the expected ethnicity.

The testing companies all feature ethnicity results on their home pages. *23andMe*³ advertises “a breakdown of your global ancestry by percentages, connect with DNA relatives and more.” *AncestryDNA*⁴ promises users will make discoveries from “their ethnicity

to connecting with distant relatives.” *Family Tree DNA*⁵ will help “find family, break through brick walls and trace your lineage through time.” *LivingDNA*⁶ helps “find out where you really come from.” *MyHeritage*⁷ tells users they can “uncover your ethnic origins and find new relatives.” Notice that *Family Tree DNA* is the only company that mentions finding family first before ethnicity or tracing your lineage through time.

Consequently, we should not be surprised that the genetic genealogy databases, while rapidly growing, are filled with many who know little of their genealogy at the time a test is

taken. We can encourage these test-takers to develop a well-researched family tree since they already have shown an interest in their heritage. We may also be able to help those who are interested in their family tree but have little information to begin with due to adoption, donor-conception, family secrets, and other matters. All of these and all of our interactions with others in any situation should be handled with diplomacy, tact, and an understanding that every person may have ideas of what is right that differs from ours. In addition, each of these test-takers may have had a different reason for testing.

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Going Home: TxSGS Members Share their Experiences

by Susan E. Ball

Going home ... the lure of actually walking where our ancestors lived, loved, worked, and died borders on compulsion for most genealogists. *Stirpes* asked readers to share their experiences in visiting a location associated with their ancestors—home, farm, business, battlefield, cemetery—and the responses illuminated the very personal connection that genealogists form with their ancestors.

Destination Europe!

For those who can identify the birthplace of their European ancestors, the homeland beckons insistently. **Laureen Jacobs** followed that call to western and northern Germany. Laureen immediately felt the connection to relatives and her homeland. “We walked into a second cousin’s house in Germany, and she served the same dessert that my grandmother made,” Laureen marveled. “When we went to a German village that we suspect my Dad’s side came from, we saw the Geppert name all over a wine museum in town,” she continued. “A local man said the Gepperts were one of the pioneer families that repopulated the area and replanted wine grapes after Napoleon Bonaparte’s army used “scorched earth” tactics to destroy sections of Alsace. Even if that isn’t true, it made me feel good.”

There was a language barrier with some of her relatives, but Laureen found that the young people often spoke English and could translate. She shared with her cousin the meaning of the name Schulte (first farmer); her Northern German cousin had never heard that meaning before. For Laureen, her trip mostly affirmed what



Betty Jean Steinke standing next to the sign for her ancestor's hometown in Erlaheim, Germany.

she had already learned. “We learned the actual birthplace of my Schulte ancestors,” she shared. “It was not the town mentioned on my great-grandfather’s death certificate but it was nearby.”

Unexpected events added richness to Laureen’s “Going Home” experience. “On our first trip to Germany, we stopped at a village where we thought a great-

grandmother had come from,” she wrote. “That turned out to be a false lead.” She continued, “We spent the night there. When we went to dinner, very few spoke English, so the restaurant owner brought an elderly English speaker to our table who was a German Army veteran of WWII and a fascinating man. Taken prisoner during the Africa campaign, he learned English as a prisoner of war in Canada.”

Betty Jean Steinke’s trip to Erlaheim, Germany, started with meeting a “cousin” online. “We shared our research and together, we decided to go visit our village. We met at the Stuttgart airport and the rest is history,” she wrote. “When we first saw the sign as we entered the town we got goosebumps ... we were actually there,” Betty Jean marveled. “We were awestruck upon entering the church and realizing that our ancestors were baptized, worshiped, married, and buried within these walls. The entire few days spent at Erlaheim were a high point in our trip, including a visit in



St. Silvester Catholic Church, in Erlaheim, Germany, where Betty Jean Steinke’s ancestors were baptized, married, and buried.



The ancestral home of Betty Jean Steinke's Welte ancestors, built in 1492 in Erlaheim, Germany.

the ancestral home along with many flights of very narrow steps to the top attic." Betty Jean continued, "The first people we met were working in their open garage and we stopped to talk only to discover they were the very name we came to find! We met many of our other relatives, as well."

"The trip to Erlaheim made my research so real ... not just pages of documents, dates, and places," Betty Jean shared. "It made us want to go to more places we've been researching." She felt the trip was well worth the time and expense, and plans to return. "These are friends now. I have kept in contact with them all these years," she explained. "I took my husband on the second trip!"

Joseph Cook's Eastern European roots led him and his father to Slovakia. There, they visited the church where Joseph's great-grandfather worshipped. There were no cousins to meet as all the family had left the community. "The mayor of the town hosted us as honored guests and gave us a toast," Joseph enthused. "Evidently not many American immigrants had ever tried to come back to this town and visit." While on the trip, Joseph learned "more places, more names, more everything!" which motivated him to search further in Slovak records.

"A chill went up and down my spine," shared **Weldon Mersiovsky**

about his trip to Upper Lusatia, Germany. When he met his relatives, he felt as if he'd always known them. Meeting his relatives and seeing his ancestral home firsthand "filled a void and satisfied a sense of urgency, giving me freedom to help others," he

explained. Weldon discovered that people are the same everywhere.

A trip to Tiefenbach, Lahn-Dill-Kreis, Hessen, Germany revealed to **Kathryn Adam Hurst** possibilities for



A young Weldon Mersiovsky standing next to his German second cousin, whom he just met at their ancestral home in Kringelsdorf near Klitten, Saxony, Germany, in 1990.

her ancestor's motivations. "Going to Tiefenbach made me understand why he choose to settle where he did in the U. S.," she explained. "Although in his new home he didn't have the lush vegetation, there were similarities in the land. Since Tiefenbach was not bombed during World War II, the buildings were original

and I felt a deep connection to my 2nd-great-grandfather when we visited the school and the church and when walking down the streets." She added, "My favorite part was attending Sunday church service and then spending the night in Tiefenbach."

Kathryn enjoyed meeting her Tiefenbach relatives. "It was exciting!" she exclaimed. "They were eager to take us to places where our 4th- and 5th-great-grandfathers lived and drive us around so we could really experience the area." Regarding the effect her homeland visit had on her research, Kathryn explained, "It gave me confidence to dig deeper into other family lines and I have since located other ancestral towns. I always felt I wouldn't be able to find my ancestors because I didn't speak German but it was possible to find them!" In retrospect, she wishes she had made audio and video recordings of every relative she met. "I needed an assistant saying turn on the recorder!" she laughed. "My trip was the summer of 2001; if I went now I would have the ability to scan pictures and more. If I had known how great the trip would be, I would have planned to stay longer."

"The trip to Mackenbruck, Germany, to find the ancestral home of my great-great-grandfather was the best experience I



Weldon Mersiovsky's ancestral home in Kringelsdorf, taken in the 1950s.

Discovering What's between the Dashes

with The Portal to Texas History

by Dreanna Beldon

The pursuit of genealogy challenges us in many ways. It challenges us as researchers and as seekers of the truth as we dauntlessly advance on our journey to discover our roots.

I'm sure you've watched episodes of "Finding Your Roots" and "Who Do You Think You Are?" and wondered - as I have - how do families forget their own stories and sense of place? My own family was no different. My parents knew little family lore beyond their own grandparents, the knowledge lost of how we came to be here.

My own journey into family history began when I was a graduate student at the University of North Texas' library school in 2000. During my first class, which was all about reference services, I decided to explore each and every database to which the libraries subscribed, some 300 of them. This was not a class assignment, but an attempt to satisfy my own sense of curiosity, which probably explains my affinity for genealogy. Somewhere among the "H's" I discovered HeritageQuest, and I was hooked. Great discoveries led to fascinating people and places that I never knew were connected to my family history.

With genealogy, "Going Home" takes on a new context entirely. The accomplishment of discovering long-forgotten ancestral places, people and homes, leads to one of the great joys of research—filling out the stories and context of ancestors' lives lived between the dashes. Getting beyond a birth date, a death date, and the places associated with an ancestor can be a challenging feat, but if accomplished, rewardingly leads to the substance of who they were, how they thought, and with whom they spent their time. One of the most

powerful tools for gaining this knowledge is in digital libraries such as The Portal to Texas History.

The Portal to Texas History connects us to the past by providing a deep reservoir of historic materials that serve to add definition and dimension to the lives of ancestors. Founded in 2002, the Portal to Texas History began with this mission to deliver three services: to provide a digital gateway to the rich collections held in Texas libraries, museums, archives, historical societies, genealogical societies, churches, and private collections; to build tools to enable collaborative institutions to share their collections online; and to create learning materials and resources for students, educators, and family historians. The online materials are freely available to the public and encompass books, photographs, artifacts, posters, artwork, maps, newspapers, letters, manuscripts, audio, video, and other historic materials from nearly 400 collaborative partners. Current content includes over 10 million pages of materials and visitors come from all fifty states and over a hundred different countries. (Full disclosure: I've been part of The Portal to Texas History team since 2003).

What makes digital libraries so powerful is the ability to conduct full-text searches within seconds. Imagine walking into your favorite genealogical library and thoroughly surveying all the books, microfilm and materials they hold. It would be the work of several lifetimes to physically search through

the entire collection of that library trying to discover nuggets and stories about your ancestors. Targeted research in physical collections is fruitful, but you always have to wonder what you didn't find. For anyone who's sat at a microfilm reader for hours trying to find that one elusive obituary or a wedding announcement, you know just how difficult this type of research can be.

The Portal holds a treasure trove of data indexed down to the word level. This means that the over 5,000,000 pages of historic Texas newspapers, thousands of books including city directories and yearbooks, and other printed material can be searched in seconds. Interesting stories and announcements buried in the folds of history can now be discovered and added to your family story.

By way of example, let's dive into three names taken from an issue of the September 1968 issue of *Stirpes*, and see what can be discovered in The Portal. (By the way, did you know we have forty years of *Stirpes* available online?) A transcript of an 1837 tax list from Brazoria County yields hundreds of names, and among those are Antonio Blandin and Joseph Fessenden.¹

Searching for Antonio Blandin in The Portal reveals two interesting items, one from the *Telegraph and Texas Register* of 30 August 1836, noting his arrival as a passenger aboard the Steamboat Yellow Stone in Columbia.²

Another tantalizing piece of information that probably indicates Mr. Blandin's wealth comes from a reprint of news in an 1888 article from *The Galveston Daily News* that featured "What the Papers Throughout Texas



Holiday

Mike Habermehl

I would like to find how and when Conrad Habermehl and his family came to Galveston from New York in December, 1839, but I have never been able to find how and when they got to New York.

Angelina Genzer Kretzmar

Santa – please provide the death date and burial place for Theresa Janda Genzer, an orphan train rider born 1894 in New York.

Sunny Lee Williams

That I find the parents of William McKinney, born c. 1800, died 1837 in Mt. Ida, Arkansas. I've been looking for this information for over 50 years.

Dianne Holley

To confirm the identity of the parents of my fourth great grandmother Elizabeth Avery.

Devon Noel Lee, Family History Fanatics

I would either like to clone myself or to travel back in time. I need a clone to deal with the housework and school paper grading, while I get lost for hours on my genealogy research. If that's not possible, then I'd love to time travel. I'd love to break through a few brick walls in areas where the paper trail has dried up.

If that's not possible (which is more likely the case), I wish to find the probate files for an ancestor in Elizabethtown, New Jersey, that was indexed but missing on the day that the FamilySearch team digitized the collection. I'm not sure which is more feasible and realistic, time travel or locating the missing probate files!

Liz Hicks

To find the parents of Berryman Howell Loftis. He was born circa 1780-90, resided 1815 Abbeville Co., SC, 1816 Clarke Co., AL, 1830 Marengo Co., AL, moved to Montgomery Co., TX by 1836, and died 1847 Rusk County, TX.

Sandra Crowley

Receive a box of family photos from a cousin (preferably the child of my grandfather's or great-grandfather's sibling). Each photo would include the date, time, place photo was taken and the names of everyone in the photo - all printed or written legibly! Sure, it would be nice if they all came scanned on a flash drive, but I don't want to be picky!

Sandra Giarrusso

Break down my 40-year-old Brick Wall on my great-grandmother. I swear the woman was found under a cabbage leaf!

Mary Esther Escobedo

I wish I could find the birth and baptism records for Gavino Hernandez. I especially wish that they contain the names of his grandparents.



Wishes



Daniel Doty

To complete my Mayflower connection – in time for the 400th anniversary in 2020.

Jamie Carter Bollich

I wish that everyone would take a DNA test, and that no one would set their results to "private."

Frances Bishop Grochowski

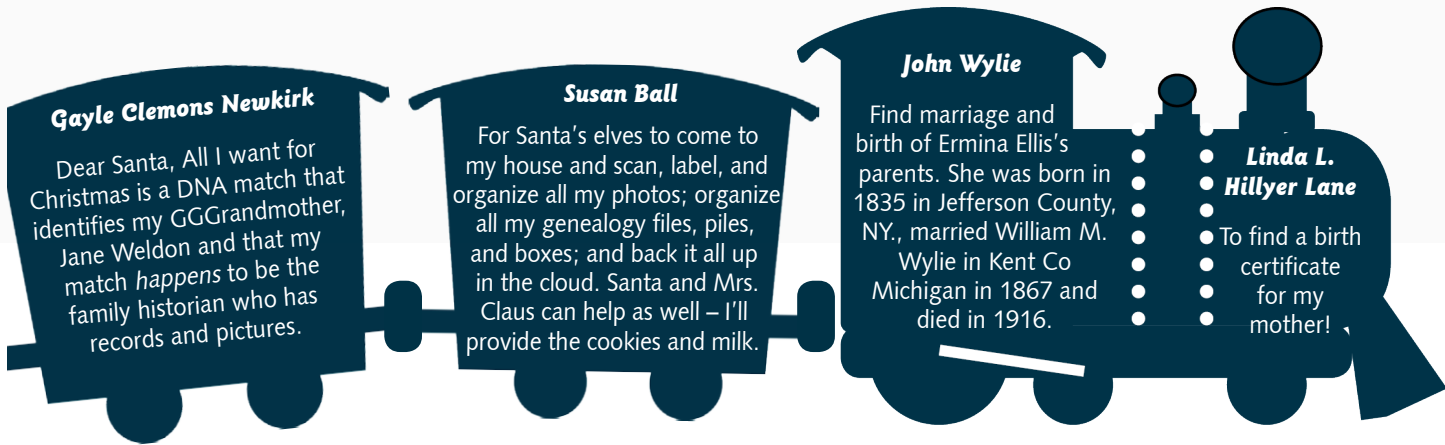
I have several: I would like to make a trip to my great-grandfather's home place in Germany. I would love to find out my oldest sister's birth-father. I would really love to visit Sweden and Denmark to see my other great-grandfather's birth place. Finally, I'd be ecstatic if I could get my genealogy to a point it could be published.

Paula Kidd Ballard

My genealogy holiday wish is to break the brick wall that has had my family in the dark for decades. Our George Kidd was a living breathing soul that we know came to Tennessee from York County, South Carolina. Where was he born, who were his parents, and where was he married before he took that leap of faith to move south?

Jana Jenkins

To get past my paternal Thomas Moorhead brick wall. He says he is from Ireland and appeared in Illinois about 1850. My brother's Y-DNA test has provided no results



Gayle Clemons Newkirk

Dear Santa, All I want for Christmas is a DNA match that identifies my GGGrandmother, Jane Weldon and that my match happens to be the family historian who has records and pictures.

Susan Ball

For Santa's elves to come to my house and scan, label, and organize all my photos; organize all my genealogy files, piles, and boxes; and back it all up in the cloud. Santa and Mrs. Claus can help as well – I'll provide the cookies and milk.

John Wylie

Find marriage and birth of Ermina Ellis's parents. She was born in 1835 in Jefferson County, NY., married William M. Wylie in Kent Co Michigan in 1867 and died in 1916.

Linda L. Hillyer Lane

To find a birth certificate for my mother!

Anonymous

A time machine to preserve important family documents before they burn in storage or to collect DNA samples.

Find THE Family Bible. ❄️ The 1890 Census. ❄️ Restoration of burned courthouse records.

The missing critical page from official record. ❄️ A core tester for graves that obtains DNA samples.

Settling Accounts: Lewis C. Manson in Colonial Texas

by Beverly E. Stimson

Among the many remarkable documents chronicling the Texas Revolution is the 2 March 1836 issue of the newspaper *The Texas Republican*. The copy before me—through the miracle of the Internet and The Portal to Texas History—has James F. Perry’s name handwritten across the top. Perhaps it was Perry’s personal copy, saved as a matter of course by the planter, businessman, brother-in-law, and confidant of Stephen F. Austin.

Published on what would become Texas Independence Day and covering datelines from 14 January to 2 March 1836, the four-page Brazoria paper contained a remarkable juxtaposition of historic events and day-to-day activities. On one page, for example, General John A. Wharton, adjutant to General Sam Houston, urged citizens to take up arms and hurry to defend Gonzales. On another page, Wharton’s brother, William H. Wharton, advertised for a gardener for his Eagle Isle plantation.¹

The Battle of the Alamo had not yet been fought, but the siege had begun and events were hurtling forward. The paper contained Lieutenant Colonel William B. Travis’s famous “Victory or Death” letter and another from Governor Henry Smith at San Felipe de Austin. The paper also reported the more mundane activities of others who soon would be known for their contributions to Texas history: Stephen F. Austin, James Collinworth, Colonel William G. Hill, Dr. Anson Jones, James F. Perry, Eliza Westall Phillips, and Robert and David G. Mills.

Another man, Judge L. C. Manson, was also mentioned frequently. Manson was the primary judge for the jurisdiction and the newspaper reported on various court activities—a

murder trial, probate matters, a guardianship, and two weddings. Manson also placed several advertisements, offering lots for rent and seeking to hire a servant and a gardener. I was curious about Judge Manson. Who was he, and why had his name, once prominent, now faded from Texas history?

The Brazoria County Historical Museum had no personal data on Manson—no family records or personal papers—nor was his name included in the list of Brazoria County judges. The archives staff did have one artifact to show me: a handsome brass doorplate with *L. C. Manson* etched in script.² I held it in my hand—worn and tarnished, yet solid, heavy, and

burnished to a deep bronze hue. Who was the man who proudly attached a brass nameplate to his Brazoria office door in 1835, and what did he contribute to Texas?

York County, Maine

In the spring of 1836, Judge Lewis Charles Manson, age 36, had been a resident of Brazoria in Austin’s colony for three years. He was a long way from his birthplace in Kittery, York County, Maine. Manson, the second son of Captain Joseph and Phebe Weeks Manson, was born in Kittery on 16 June 1799. His ancestors had fought for independence in the American Revolution, and Mansons and Weekses had lived in Kittery for more than 100 years before that.³

Manson’s father was a mariner, but not long after Lewis’ birth, the Manson family moved up-river some fifty miles to the opposite bank of the Piscataqua River, at Wakefield Corner, Carroll County, New Hampshire. For the next ten years, Captain Manson operated a store and tavern there. In 1817, the captain set out on another sea journey.



Figure 1: Door plaque with L. C. Manson Door engraved on the surface.

This time he did not return, and that fall he was reported lost at sea. For a while, Lewis continued to operate the store in partnership with Will Frost, his sister Lucy's husband. Soon, young Lewis struck out for the wider world.⁴

Coming of Age in Boston

Manson took the stagecoach or the steamship or one of the many sailing sloops and schooners that carried passengers and trade goods daily some one hundred miles south along the coast to Boston. By 1819, young Manson had established his mercantile business on Cornhill Street. Several Boston papers published his advertisements. They generally began with Manson's name in bold type, followed by a list of his merchandise. He sold dry goods, fabrics and ready-made clothing from Europe and India as well as American products. Later, his younger brother John joined him and the two advertised their partnership in local Boston papers. Young Lewis would form another partnership, marrying Jane Gates Adamson of Boston shortly before Christmas in 1820. Both were twenty-one.⁵

One newspaper containing a Manson advertisement also noted that President James Monroe had approved the sale of government lands along the Ohio River, establishing new towns on land formerly occupied by the Comanche Tribe. Jane's father, Captain John Adamson, and his family joined the westward expansion, moving out to settle in the new town of Cincinnati.⁶ Lewis and Jane remained in Boston to start their family. Jane gave birth to Cordelia Frances in 1822; daughter Mary Jane arrived early in 1824.⁷

In October 1824, several

newspapers reported the strange tale of a man traveling by steamer down the Mississippi to New Orleans. When the ship reached port, the traveler committed suicide. He left a note, describing his despair at the loss of his wife and thanking his companions for their friendship on the voyage. He also left a will, which included money for the ship's captain and for Lewis Manson, both strangers until the trip. Manson attended the probate proceedings and

By 1830, he was doing business as Manson & Co., "Brokers and Commission Merchants" at 49 Wall Street, a prestigious address in the banking district. His advertisements appeared frequently, offering, at various times, furs, hats, and New Hampshire lands for sale. He tried other ventures as well, offering to purchase "Washington & Warren" bank notes and to make business and construction loans. At one point, he was listed as

agent for the trading schooner Decatur, "ready for sailing and bound for Turks Island."¹¹

Meanwhile, Manson faced major changes in his family. In the spring of 1828, his wife, Jane, died shortly after giving birth to a third daughter. Before the year was out, Manson married again to Elvira A. P. Daniels, a native of New York and the daughter of Captain Edward Daniels (deceased) and Ann Payne Beekman Daniels, of New York Dutch ancestry. At age 23, Elvira would take on a ready-made family of

husband and three children. The youngest child, however, died the following summer.¹²

Apparently Mrs. Daniels approved of the marriage and considered Manson a successful businessman. She wrote a will in November 1829 leaving everything to another daughter, Malvina, because she was "destitute" and "abandoned of her husband" and because her daughter Elvira was "in good circumstances in life, with a husband abundantly able to provide for her wants and make her comfortable and happy." Successful or not, Manson was not satisfied. He began closing his office in late November and in early January 1832, he offered his Wall Street office for rent.¹³

Sometime that year Manson took

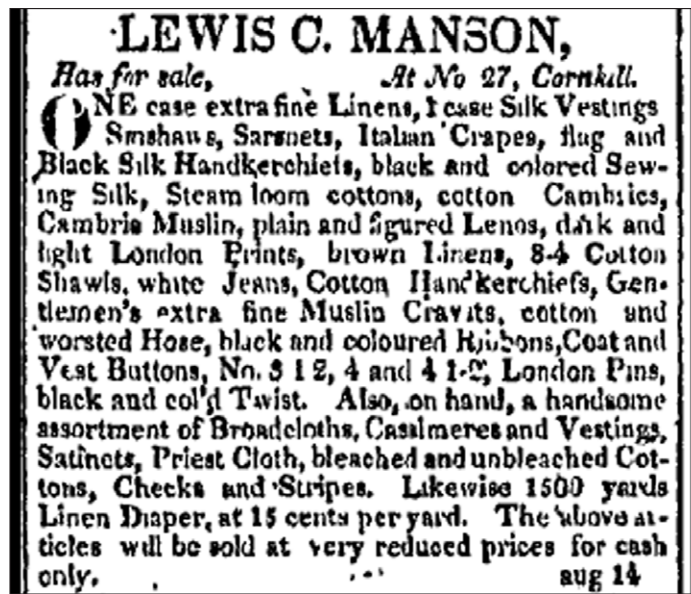


Figure 2: Lewis C. Manson ad in Boston paper, 14 August 1819.

collected the \$100 bequest.⁸

The windfall was not enough, however, for Manson's mercantile business began to fail. He no longer advertised his goods in local papers, and his debts were mounting. He needed a second chance, and he took it. Manson moved his family to New York City.⁹

Manhattan

As important as Boston was to American commerce, New York was the commercial center of the country. Lewis and Jane settled in Manhattan. Manson's brother John was based in New York as well, routinely traveling to Venezuela as an agent for a trading company. In July 1827, Lewis sought bankruptcy protection and tried to recover financial stability.¹⁰

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