



King Philip's War 1675-1676



Trilogy Genealogy Club

Newsletter November 2021

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If you have moved out of Trilogy or no longer wish to be a club member, please reply to this email and let me know. I will remove you from the email list and the club roster.

In addition to information about upcoming meetings and events, this month's newsletter contains an overview of the results of the recent club survey, making it a bit longer than usual. Please read it all.

November Club Meeting

At the November meeting, Denise Beeson presented how to use the census for genealogy research. I thought I knew how to do this, but Denise taught me a lot! I will put this to good use. The presentation is on the website and available for download or viewing in a browser.

We also had a presentation by our own Vicki Reisenfeld, where she demonstrated an incredible genealogy research resource she has built over time using Microsoft OneNote. She has offered to share this with club members, and I believe a few people (including me) have taken her up on it. She also produced an excellent document on how to use OneNote, which is available in the handout section of the club website. It includes links to online tutorials.

If you subscribe to Microsoft 365, you already have OneNote, even if you have never used it. OneNote shares files across the Internet via the Microsoft Cloud (OneDrive,) included with Office 365.

If you would like to create a share to Vicki's Genealogy Resource database and have a look, send her an email, or if you don't have her email address, send me an email, and I will forward the request to her.

2022 Officer Election

At the November meeting, we completed the annual nomination for officers for 2022. I sent out the ballot a few days later and a reminder about a week after that. I have received forty-seven responses, which is a clear majority of all current members.

The election is now closed.

I will announce the new Board at the December meeting.

November Board Meeting

The Board Met on Saturday, November 6. I have posted the minutes on the website. Go to Club Organization/Exec Board, then click on the blue bar that says "minutes."

December Meeting

Our December meeting will be held Monday, December 6, 2021, in the Center for Higher Learning. This workshop is a follow-up to the one we had in October. It will follow the same general format as the October meeting, which all attendees said they enjoyed. This time, we will focus on the census and the websites and techniques that Denise discussed in November. For those of you whose current research can't benefit from the census, please come and continue your research using the tools and websites we discussed in September.

I will start the meeting with the announcement of next year's officers. Following this, I have a short video on the census, which many may find helpful. I also have some special handouts to give you that will help with your research. This workshop is an excellent opportunity to get help from fellow club members and get your questions answered or help someone else.

Please bring your notebook computer or your iPad. If you don't have one, you can borrow one from the member services desk.

I also suggest you bring a list of your questions or issues concerning the census or anything else. Our more experienced members will be there to help you and answer questions. These workshops are about members helping each other and benefiting from each other's experiences.

December Tools and Platforms SIG

Please join us for the December Tools and Platforms SIG immediately following the December Club meeting. You need not be a member of the SIG. All Club Members are welcome. This month's topic is "*Genealogy Top Ten Tips and Tricks – Part One*." The featured video is from Connie Knox of Genealogy TV. She has selected the best tips from her vast collection of webinars and put them together in a two-part series.

In part one, she discusses:

1. How to search private trees on Ancestry
2. How to see who has shared your photos on Ancestry
3. Using Excel and the census to break down brick walls
4. Using the Social Security Death Index
5. Discovery Experiences on FamilySearch

The original video was about half an hour, but I captured it and removed all the ads and other superfluous noise, reducing it to less than 20 minutes in total.

We will view each tip and then briefly discuss how we might use this in our genealogy work.

Assuming attendees like this as much as I think they will, we will do the last five tips in January.

What's Ahead for 2022

Next year is almost upon us, and we have some exciting meetings planned.

In January, Mark Andrew Davis will be our guest speaker. Mark began his genealogical journey at fifteen when he viewed his first roll of microfilmed census records. He was a long-serving officer with the South Bend [Indiana] Area Genealogical Society, editor of that society's award-winning Quarterly, and a former board member of the Indiana Genealogical Society. He taught advanced genealogical techniques at Indiana University and is a familiar face at genealogical events around North America. He currently lives in Buckeye, where he serves as Genealogist and Registrar for the Saguaro Chapter of the Arizona Society of the Sons of the American Revolution.

Sometimes we allow an absence of Primary Records to create a brick wall in our research. We may have a good idea of how two people may be related but cannot find solid evidence. In those cases, a well-constructed and documented Proof Argument may effectively establish a link between generations. This

class will teach you the basics in weighing the merits of documents, how the absence of alternative information is helpful, and then writing up your Proof Argument.

In February, we have a special speaker, David Fryxell, coming to us all the way from Tucson. David has written columns for Family Tree Magazine and is a real professional. Because he lives so far away, he has agreed to do this via Zoom to avoid the club having to pay his travel costs. He will speak on “Finding and (carefully) using published sources such as family histories to beat your brick walls.”

Family History Day Planning

We have held the first planning meeting of the Family History Day organizing committee. Our annual Family History Conference is on March 7, 2021. We plan to have speakers cover a broad range of topics focused on DNA, Genealogy Research, and Telling the Family Story. We are looking at a schedule running from 9:00 A.M. to 3:30 P.M. (or 0900 to 1530 hours to all you veterans out there.)

We have reviewed and approved an extensive work breakdown of all tasks to be completed and begun work on some long lead time issues.

You will hear a lot more about this in the months ahead.

Time to Renew Your Membership

It is that time of year again when we renew the club membership. Last year we skipped that as we had very few meetings in 2020 due to Covid.

The dues are \$10 per year and are payable no later than January 31. You can pay by cash or check. Please make checks payable to TVA Genealogy Club (TVA stands for Trilogy at Vistancia Association. We operate under the umbrella of the Trilogy Community Association.) You can pay at any club meeting at the check-in desk or by filling out the attached membership form and mailing it to the address indicated.

If you don't plan to renew for 2022, please let me know. That way, you won't receive and last-minute reminder emails.

Genealogy Quick Tip of the Month

Do you find the idea of second, third, and fourth cousins and cousins once or twice removed confusing? Many people do. Do you understand what it means when you get Ancestry or MyHeritage identifies someone as your third cousin twice removed? No? You are not alone. Here is a set of rules to make it easier to understand.

- Your first cousins are those who are not your siblings with whom you share grandparents. These are, of course, the children of your aunts and uncles, but think of them as those with whom you share grandparents, and it will make the rest of this more logical and understandable.
- Your second cousins are those with whom you share great grandparents. Your third cousins are those you share great-great-grandparents, and so on.
- Removed means a generational difference. For example, your first cousin's children are your first cousins once removed. Your first cousin's grandchildren are your first cousins twice removed.

Okay, so far? Now here is where it gets very confusing, at least to me. You share great-grandparents with your second cousins, but your parents share grandparents with the parents of your second cousins. That means to your parents, the parents of your second cousins are first cousins. (You may need to think about that a bit, I told you it was confusing.) So, to you, your second cousin's parents are considered to be your first cousins once removed. (I know, that doesn't seem right, but it is logical.) This pattern continues. To your great grand-parents, those who share grandparents with them would be their first cousins, so to you, they would be your first cousins three times removed. Their children are your second cousins twice removed. Their children are your third cousins once removed. Their children are your fourth cousins.

I have attached a diagram from Family Tree Magazine to make this easier to understand, which shows the relationships. This chart is a keeper when dealing with genealogy, and especially DNA genealogy.

This Month's Banner Photo

This month's banner depicts King Philip's War, an all-out war of survival between the British Colonists and the New England native tribes that started in Plymouth Colony when natives led by Metacomet (King Philip) first attacked Swansea and then Taunton, but spread throughout New England with devastating results.

I recently finished reading a remarkable book, *Mayflower, Voyage, Community, War*, by Nathaniel Philbrick. The first half of the book is the history of Plymouth and the Mayflower Pilgrims. The second is an in-depth description of King Philip's War. Many of my ancestors were involved in this conflict, so I was aware of the event, but this book shed new light on the subject.

The banner shows Benjamin Chase on the left and King Philip on the right. The center is a depiction of one of the battles of the war. Like most depictions, the natives appear with bows and arrows. This is a myth. Most of King Philip's men used rifles equivalent to what the colonists used. King Philip was the tribal chief that led his people into war and recruited many other tribes to join him. He almost defeated the colonists, destroying many towns and doing incredible damage to most others. Benjamin Church led a small force of primarily friendly natives and some colonists that captured hundreds of natives and killed King Philip by using ranger-style tactics modeled on how the natives fought. It took decades for the colonists to recover from the killing and destruction of the war. The natives never did.

Benjamin Church was the son of Richard Church and Elizabeth Warren, who are my ancestors. Joseph Church, Benjamin's older brother, and Calib Church, his younger brother, and both my ancestors via separate ancestral lines.

Your Feedback is Appreciated

- How can the Trilogy Genealogy Club help you with your Family History?
- What ideas or suggestions do you have for future meetings?
- How can we improve what we are doing for the benefit of our members?

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