

Was Grandpa Governor or Horse Thief? Former Librarian Tells How to Learn This, Much More

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Have you a family tree? Do you want one? Most people are intensely interested, but a suspicion that they will be ridiculed and a feeling of hopelessness in not knowing how to begin has kept many an individual from tracing his family history.

Thanks to Gilbert Doane, former Nebraska librarian, gossip and the other haphazard methods of "digging up" one's ancestors, can take to the sideroads, for he has left us a workable technique which can be prescribed as a handbook for those who have the desire to know their progenitors. After all, man is curious of his past.

Mr. Doane completed the book while at the University of Nebraska just before he accepted his present position as librarian at the University of Nebraska.

But beware of genealogical rackets!

Because this field of endeavor has been a puzzle to the layman, certain individuals and societies have written unsolicited letters stating they will complete the history of your family for a certain specified sum. Should you fail, says Mr. Doane, your purchase is nothing but an array of general details about some family with your surname, most often no relation of yours whatsoever.

"Better that you save the money and use it yourself after you have done a bit of digging on your own account," he advises. "Besides it's much more fun, and your interest increases as the mystery unwinds."

Try the Cemeteries.

But how do you do it? It's really very simple, provided you have a stout fighting heart, a sincere curiosity to know your relatives of the past and a sublime faith in your ability to carry a task thru to its completion. It may even require a picnic or two to forgotten, moss covered tombstones in isolated cemeteries over the country, or even meticulous scrutinizing of dust laden documents in probate offices, church files and family closets.

Don't be hesitant, for with this book as your guide each and every step is fully outlined in its proper order. In case you're still interested, the following are Mr. Doane's recommendations to the embryo genealogist.

1. Get all the information you

can from older living relatives including names, dates, occupations, and places of residence, and any unusual incidents.

2. Search through vital records of the town or countries where your people have lived.

3. Look for the wills and other estate records in probate offices.

4. Examine church records for baptisms, marriages, admittances and dismissals.

5. Visit cemeteries for the gravestone inscriptions.

6. Use genealogical libraries for printed records, and family histories.

7. Consult reliable professional genealogists.

"And so, good digging," says Mr. Doane.

Who was your great grandmother? What was her maiden name? Some may say, "What difference does it make?" But Mr. Doane has the answer: "An eighth of the blood flowing in your veins came from that woman, and possibly a much larger proportion of your individual traits; your sweet winning ways or your irascible disposition."

We "Take After" Them.

While the former Nebraska librarian knows that he has almost let himself slip into the noose held by the outstretched arms of the eugenicist, authorities on matters of heredity, Mr. Doane still boldly declares we do "take after" people. Says he, by way of proof, "I know a woman who lived in one of the New England states during the first half of the nineteenth century. She was noted for her temper and strength of will. By her first husband she had an only child, a son who married and became the father of a large family. Among his children two of the brothers got into a dispute over some property and lived in the same village for 20 years without speaking to each other again while two of the sisters got 'mad' over something and refused to recognize each other again. When one of them died 35 years later the other deliberately mopped her own front porch while the funeral procession was passing. The same pertinacity cropped up in two of that same woman's grandchildren."

Mr. Doane also suggests that while you are talking with grandfather try to find out if there are any written records of the family. Sometimes old diaries, faded letters and other scraps of papers contain notes of baptisms, weddings and funerals which will prove of inestimable value. While Bible records are generally accepted as reliable sources of information the true genealogist should use the data with care. Occasionally a woman's vainness and her desire to keep her age a secret may be the motive which leads to tampering with these family records. Even needle work can be of use to the individual interested in tracing his family history. Friendship quilts and their variations have embroidered the

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names of close friends and relatives.

If you have exhausted the information possessed by relatives, the next step is to make use of books and library records. If you are not lucky enough to live near genealogical library at Boston, New York, Washington, Chicago, Seattle, San Francisco or Los Angeles or several of the larger cities, plan your vacations so as to visit one of these libraries during the summer. You may even receive some help from the genealogical department of the Boston Transcript which is open to anyone.

Dust Off Records.

"The third step in this mystery is to dust off the town records. Take a look at the vital statistics. Probate offices are another good source and even land records, mortgage records, tax lists and census enumerations are of value. You may think these town records are as dry as the dust which covers them, but if you are alive to the funny side of life you will find much in them that will amuse you."

Mr. Doane suggests that it is best that an older relative accompany the individual when he visits the cemeteries for he can tell him the relationship between the people buried there. If the sun isn't right and one's fingers aren't sensitive the beginner may find some difficulty in being able to trace inscriptions on the older, weather-beaten monuments.

The former Nebraska librarian calls attention to the fact that government records are of great value for those who dig for ancestors. Particularly, information gathered by census takers is of great help. In many cases the lists of names of those who fought in the various wars are of great assistance in solving many problems.

He points out that probably more digging for ancestors has resulted from the desire to belong to the Daughters of the American Revolution than has come about through any other impetus. As a matter of fact the society has a collection of more than 200,000 lineages which have been filed in its archives in Washington.

One pitfall the beginner is likely to tumble into is that of assuming that he has determined the connection of his family because he has found in some other records a man whose name is the same as that of his immigrant ancestor.

Maybe a Smuggler.

"Be on your guard," says Mr. Doane, "for even in the seventeenth century there were many people with the same name. Just as an example, if your name happens to be Allen and your father told you that his father said that he was a descendant of the famous Greenmountain boy Ethan Allen, have you ever attempted to confirm that statement? Or do you know that this particular Ethan Allen had but one living male descendant of the surname Allen in 1900, and hence, descent is possible in the female line only? Perhaps you may come upon a rather unsavory fact that your great, great grandfather was killed by a revenue officer in a raid on smugglers. Are you going to give up digging because you have struck a rock? "If you decide to take up the

spade again you will find that these people had the courage to earn the best living they could. You will also find that they had many admirable qualities and are really people to be proud of in spite of their apparent lawlessness.

"There are many fascinating by-ways of genealogy: History, law, social life and customs of former times. The average scoffer never realizes it. He thinks of the pursuit as dry as dust and even less interesting. Perhaps he will never understand that it is a stimulating, living study that is well worth the time that you can give it. Why not try it?"

Bullock Sees Method of Getting All Seniors Jobs

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Commonwealth Edison, Goodyear, Firestone, Goodrich, Jewel Tea, Cudahy, Standard Oil, Illinois Central and J. C. Penney.

As to what personnel men from these various companies desire in the student applicant Professor Bullock states that first of all the candidate must be in good health, some firms apparently interested primarily in athletes. Others inquire of the student's activity record and still others seem interested in the fact that the senior has earned his way thru school, not to mention the important scholastic and personality angles.

According to Professor Bullock's data, many students who go with larger companies are required to undergo specialized training sponsored by the company, the expense to the employer varying from 1,500 to \$10,000 for each student per year.

"Obviously the men selected for specific training are chosen with care," says Professor Bullock. "Other firms believe in the 'treat them rough policy,' but these employers are declining in number. The next few years should be pleasant ones for graduates. They could not be entering upon a business career at a better time. With business expansion, chances for advancement are increased and merit is more likely to be rewarded."

Educational Societies Hold Annual Banquet

Members of Phi Lambda Theta and Phi Delta Kappa met for the annual banquet of the two groups last Wednesday. Mrs. Charles E. Roe, national field secretary of the national conference of parents and teachers, spoke on "Home and School Co-operation in the Guidance Program."

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CONFERENCE PLANNED ON FAMILY EDUCATION

Parent Education Council Sponsors Meeting Here July 7, 8, 9

The conference on family education, sponsored by the state council of parent education will be held on the university campus July 7, 8, and 9. Miss Flora Thurston, of the university's summer faculty, is the chief speaker. Following is the program:

Wednesday, July 7.
2 p. m. in Morrill hall. Welcome, Prof. Margaret Fedde. Introduction of conference members. Discussion: What are the objectives of this conference? Flora M. Thurston, leader.
Appointment of committees and organization of groups.
6 p. m.: Picnic supper, agricultural college campus.
7:45 p. m. in Morrill hall. Address by Flora M. Thurston, "What is the Role of the Family in a Democratic Way of Life?"
Thursday, July 8, 1937.
Conferees are invited to attend the following classes:
8 a. m.: The home and family life, Morrill hall, room 20.
11 a. m.: Problems in home and family life (seminar on family education), Morrill hall, room 20.
9-10:30 a. m.: Discussion group meetings. (Problems and rooms to be announced).
Thursday Afternoon July 8.
Arden Saunders, presiding.
2-4 p. m.: A philosophy of family education for youth, Flora M. Thurston, "How Can We Use This Point of View in an Educational Program?"
Thursday Evening, July 8.
Panel discussion.
7:45 p. m.: Topic: What Kind of Community Program of Education Would Best Contribute to Improved Understanding and Practice in Home and Family Life?
Friday Morning, July 9.
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Friday Afternoon, July 9.
Mrs. Charles Pollard, presiding.
2-4 p. m.: Reports of committees. Reports of discussion group meetings. How can we work together for family education in Nebraska?
Summary of the conference, Florence Corbin.

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