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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

by Larry "Joe" Reynolds



As we start off 2017 I made a promise to myself that I'd work harder for the Reynolds Family Association and do everything in my power to make the Organization grow and prosper.

I'm going to ensure that the RFA Dispatch is published each quarter, but I am going to need your help. I need article, biographies, statistics, and any other information that you can submit to the Newsletter. A good rule of thumb is, if you are interested in it, then others will more than likely be interested.

I am also going to have another Annual Reunion this year. At this time I'm looking at Independence, Missouri for the location, but am willing to change if we have a cousin out there that would be willing to take on the responsibility of coordinating and setting up the Reunion. If we have any cousins in or near the Kansas City area, and you're willing to help me find a hotel, etc. Please let me know.

We have already elected a new Vice-President of our yDNA Project, a new Treasurer, and hope to very soon make an announcement about our Lines.

Today being Valentine's Day, don't forget that special someone!

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HOUSEKEEPING

Don't forget to send in your changes of address or email. Also, please let your next of kin know that in the unfortunate event of your passing to please let us know.

WE SHOULD ALL LEAVE THIS LEGACY WHEN WE DIE!

This Obituary was sent to me by John Reynolds of Brandon, VT. The obit was printed in the Rutland Herald Newspaper, Rutland, VT in Oct. 1840. Mr. Jonathan Reynolds was his 4th Great Grandfather.

OLD SOLDIER GONE.

Died at Whitehall, N.Y. in the 16th Inst. Mr. Jonathan Reynolds, at the advanced age of one hundred years. Mr. Reynolds was a native of Dutchess co. N.Y. He came into this town at an early period and resided on his farm on Otter Creek until a few years since, when he removed with his son to Whitehall. He retained his physical and mental powers almost without perceptible decay till near the end of his long life. At the age of ninety he had scarcely lost the vigor and activity, not of middle age merely, but of early manhood. He was very fond of the sports of the field, and at the age of ninety he went out and shot a fine deer upon the banks of the creek. He ever maintained an irreproachable character. He was a soldier of the revolution now a title of the highest honor. from 1832 he received a pension as Lieutenant, in which rank he served under Washington. He has left in this town many descendants. We remember one trait in his character which showed his estimate of the privileges he helped to purchase. He was ALWAYS found at the ballot box while he resided among us:-an example worthy of imitation.

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2017 RFA ANNUAL REUNION



Join your cousins in Independence, Missouri, on September 15 – 16, 2017 for the Eighty Fifth Annual Reynolds Family Association Reunion. See the full details as the develop on our website, just follow the links from:

www.reynoldsfamily.org/reunion.php

NEW RFA TREASURER



Phyllis Reynolds Goelz

I was born and grew up in Northern Wisconsin, where my mother's family had lived for several generations. My father, Johnny Reynolds, was born and raised in SE Kentucky where his family had lived since the early 1800s. He met and married my mother during WWII and after the war they settled back in the small town of Mercer, Wisconsin.

My husband and I have been married for 51 plus years and have two children and four grandchildren

who all live in the Seattle area. We have lived in Arizona for the past 20 years.

I became interested in genealogy in 1997 after a visit with my last remaining aunt from my father's side of the family started me wondering what my father's family was like. I remembered a couple of brief encounters during my childhood, but not much since we lived so far from Kentucky and my dad died when I was young.

It has been a long, and very interesting journey and I have met hundreds of newfound cousins along the way. I have been able to determine, to my satisfaction, that my Great Great Grandfather was born in Virginia, the son of Joseph Reynolds (b 1760-d 1829) and Sarah Perkins. Beyond that, it's pretty much up for grabs. Recent DNA of a 2nd cousin however, may indicate that is not the case, but yet I have not been able to pursue that any further.

I am looking forward to serving the Reynolds Family Association, and more new adventures in genealogy.

Revolutionary War Rolls

Reynolds who fought for American Independence taken from:

<http://search.ancestry.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=4282>

Name	Military Place	Rank
Abijah Reynolds	New York	Private
Grindle Reynolds	Vermont	Private
John Reynolds	Rhode Island	Private
Joseph Reynolds	New York	Fifer
Thomas Reynolds	Virginia	Lieutenant
William Reynolds	Virginia	Private
Wm Reynolds	Rhode Island	Private
Reynolds		Colonel
Abm Reynolds	New York	
Abm Reynolds	New York	
Abm Reynolds	New York	
Abraham Reynolds	Georgia	Sergeant
Alexr Reynolds	Pennsylvania	
Allen Reynolds		Private
Andrew Reynolds	New York	
Ardn Reynolds	Virginia	Corporal
??Ardson Reynolds	New York	

Aron Reynolds	Virginia	
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Be??imin Reynolds		Private
Benjamin Reynolds		
Benjm Reynolds	New York	
Benony Reynolds	New York	
Briggs Reynolds	New York	Private
Brigs Reynolds	New York	Fifer
Caleb Reynolds	New York	
Catsh Reynolds	Massachusetts	
Charles Reynolds		Private
Charles Reynolds		Private
Clark Reynolds	Rhode Island	
Cristin Reynolds	Connecticut	Private
Daniel Reynolds		Major
Daniel Reynolds		Captain
Daniel Reynolds		Colonel
Daniel Reynolds	New York	Private
David Reynolds	Connecticut	
David Reynolds	Connecticut	
David Reynolds	Connecticut	Private
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David Reynolds	Connecticut	
David Reynolds	Rhode Island	
Ebenezer Reynolds	New York	Corporal
Ebenezer Reynolds	Rhode Island	Corporal
??Ee Reynolds	New York	
Eli Reynolds	New York	Private
Enos Reynolds		
Geo Reynolds	New Jersey	Lieutenant
Gilbert Reynolds	New York	
Grindal Reynolds	Vermont	
Grindll Reynolds	Vermont	
Henry Reynolds	New York	
Hezekiah Reynolds	New Hampshire	
Hezekiah Reynolds	New Hampshire	
Isaac Reynolds	Vermont	Corporal
Jacob Reynolds	Connecticut	
Jacob Reynolds	Connecticut	Private
Jacob Reynolds	Connecticut	Private
James Reynolds 1st	Maryland	
James Reynolds	Maryland	
James Reynolds	New Jersey	Private
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James Reynolds	New Jersey	Private
James Reynolds	New York	Corporal
James Reynolds	Virginia	Private
James Reynolds	Virginia	Private
James Reynolds	Virginia	Private
Jas Reynolds	Connecticut	
Jas Reynolds	Virginia	Private
Jeremiah Reynolds	New York	
Jesse Reynolds	New York	
Jesse Reynolds	Virginia	Corporal
Jno Reynolds	Pennsylvania	Private
Jno Reynolds		Matross
Jno Reynolds		Matross
John Reynolds	Maryland	
John Reynolds	New Jersey	Private
John Reynolds	New York	Private
John Reynolds	New York	
John Reynolds	New York	Sergeant
John Reynolds	New York	Drummer
John Reynolds	New York	
John Reynolds	New York	Fifer
John Reynolds	New York	
John Reynolds	Pennsylvania	Private

Elizabeth M. "Betsy" Reynolds



Following is an obituary that appeared in the Binghamton Press and Sun-Bulletin.

Elizabeth M. "Betsy" Reynolds, 94, of Montrose, PA, passed away at Gracious Living Estates on Tuesday, November 8, 2016. She was born in Wyalusing, PA, on May 30, 1922 in her grandparents

Hotel Middendorf, to the late Bryant Ingham and Mary (Middendorf) Smith. Her husband of 57 years, Jack H. Reynolds, predeceased her. Surviving are her two sons and daughter-in-law, Randy Reynolds and Joe and Linda Reynolds, grandchildren, Caleb and Alison Reynolds, sister-in-law, Connie Lou Gary. Her brother, Joseph Smith predeceased her.

Betsy graduated from Wyalusing High School in 1939 and Bloomsburg State Teacher's College in 1944 with a Bachelor's in Business Education. During WW II, spent her summers working at eclipse division of Bendix in Elmira, NY. She began her teaching career of skilled typing and office practice in Glen Rock (York Co.) High School for two years, then Towanda High School for ten years. In 1955 she married her husband, had her two children, moved to Montrose where she taught a semester at Wyalusing, before moving onto Montrose High School finally retiring in 1986.

After her retirement she volunteered at the Susquehanna County Literacy Council before moving to Summerfield and Ocala, FL. There she participated in governance education Program, "Kids at Risk in Education" for two years. Her hobbies included needlework, reading, swimming and going to yard sales.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, November 12, 2016, at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Wyalusing, PA, with Rev. Joseph Manarchuk of St. Mary's Church, officiating. Interment will be in the Wyalusing Cemetery. Visitations will be Friday evening from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

at the Daniel K. Regan Funeral Home, Montrose, PA. Donations in Betsy's memory can be made to the Susquehanna County Library, 18 Monument St., Montrose, PA 18801.

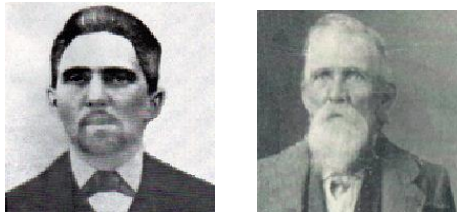
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- See more at:

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/pressconnects/obituary.aspx?n=elizabeth-m-reynolds-betsy&pid=182414651#sthash.0KZvhSof.dpuf>

REYNOLDS IN THE CIVIL WAR

As many of you know, I'm a member of the Sons of Confederate Veterans and in doing research I have found many Reynolds' that fought on both sides of the war. If you have any information on any Reynolds who was a soldier during this time, please contact me.



Arthur Campbell Reynolds was born October 21, 1832, near Shelbyville, Tennessee. On February 19, 1832 to Henry Runnels of Franklin County, Tennessee bought a one-half acre lot situated in the county of Jackson and town of Bellefonte, Alabama. (Runnels is the way our Reynolds was pronounced). We believe our Reynolds came to Bellefonte or Coffeetown - now called Langston - in Jackson County, Alabama in the early 1840's. In Capt. Paddock's History of North & West Texas. 1906 Vol. II, Henry and Mary (Brown, d/o John G. Brown-VA) Reynolds had nine children: Andrew, Sally m. Henry Dukes, John, Arthur Campbell, Elizabeth m. Wm. Starnes Willbourn, Anna m. Stan Maples, David Richard, Nancy B. m. Albert G. Brown, and Mary Lucinda m. Gilbert Davis.

A. C. came to Titus County, Texas in 1857. He paid Poll Tax for 1858, District of Red River, Titus County, Texas. In 1860 he lived near Daingerfield with James R. and Leanna Raines who were neighbors in Jackson County, Alabama in 1850. On July 13, 1861, Arthur joined the Spring Hill Reserves of Titus County. September 1, 1861, A.C. joined the Confederate Army at Daingerfield, Co. "D" 9th Tex. Inf., Maxey's Regt. A. C.'s brother, David Richard, was in the same Co. "D". For four years, A.C. fought in many battles in different states and was wounded at least three times, until Lee surrendered. He was not

taken prisoner. His parole is dated July 25, 1865 at Jefferson, Texas, permitting him to return to his home in Titus County. He never drew a pension.

August 24, 1865, he married Miss Mary Malisa (Melissa) Loving, born July 15, 1847 in Benela, Calhoun County, Mississippi. She was the daughter of Solon Addison and Catherine Ann (Stevens) Loving who were both born and reared in Alabama. The Stevens moved to Hopewell, Chickasaw County, Mississippi in the mid 1840's. A.C. moved his family to Montague County, Texas in November 1877, buying a 320 acre farm northeast of Nocona near Eagle Point. They raised stock, wheat, oats, corn, and cotton (a garden, chickens and kids). They were Presbyterians. A.C. was a democrat, Mason, and they both belonged to the Order of the Eastern Star. After Melissa died, Art lived with his son, Henry. He grew a garden the summer before he died of pneumonia in January, and was planning another. In it he grew his own tobacco. He always took up for the grandkids when they got in trouble, as kids will, but still, was a good, strict grandpa. He had two brothers and three sisters that also came to Texas, and they were a very close family.

Art and Melissa had fourteen children, the first is believed to have died at birth. The first eight were born near Daingerfield, the last six at Eagle Point. Madorah Ann (1868-1905/b. Fairview Cemetery, Maguire, Oklahoma) married Samuel Lee Allen. Dora had ten children, Joseph Robert Dolan (1869-1890/b. Eagle Point) married Maud V. Benton. They had one son, Roy Dolan. Uncle Bob had mumps/measles, got up and went for help when the son was born. Bob died four days later. Maud later married Luther Walker. Francis Virginia (1870-1959/b. Stonewall, Oklahoma) married John Hillard Tackett Davis. Fannie had eight children. Delurah Magdalene "Maggie" (1872-1946/b. Peerless, Texas) m1. John Titsworth (no children). m2

William Foster Titsworth (one son, Bill, Jr.), m3. John Benjamin Robertson (two daughters, Mary-this writer's mother and Dollie). Sarah Ofielier (1874-1885/b. Eagle Point. This Cemetery is on private property, well kept, still used. Sally shares a stone with sister, Donnie M., two separate graves). Nancy Maud (1875-1936/b. Nocona) married William J. Maples. Maud had four children. Flora Syble (1877-1963/b. Nocona) married Arthur Gallatin Brown. Flora had six children. Theora Chapman "Ora" (1889-1969/b. Chattanooga, TN) married Jacob Atkins Dobbins. They lived in Texas, Oklahoma, Tennessee, and Florida when Jake died. Ora had no children. Mary Rosa (1882-1952/b. Pringle, Cumby Cemetery, Wise County) married Frank Eugene Taylor. Rose had two children. S. Donnie May (1884-1890/shares a stone with Sally). Story is, brother Bob loved her very much, cared for her too closely, caught her mumps/measles. Henry Addison (1886-1962/b. Nocona) married Anna Louise Battles. They had six children. David Cleveland (1888-1961/b. Nocona) m1. Allie May Battles, m2. Mrs. Gertrude (Johnson) Meyers. No children by either. Arthur Orville (1891-1939-auto accident, St. Jo/b. Nocona) married Alta Maud Battles. They had two sons.

Melissa died February 9, 1913, and Art died January 21, 1922, both at Nocona. Both are buried in the Nocona Cemetery. I did not know them, but they are great-grandparents of whom I'm very proud to be a descendant, from all I've heard and the research I've done. I hope they would have been proud of me, Maggie's granddaughter.

In Capt. Paddock's book *History of North and West Texas Vol. II* there is a very lengthy article about Arthur Campbell Reynolds. In part of it he writes:

A.C Reynolds was born in middle Tennessee and when ten years of age accompanied his parents on their removal to Alabama, where he was reared,

remaining under the parental roof until twenty-four years of age. In 1857 he removed to Titus County, Texas, where he was employed until 1861, when he enlisted in the Confederate army under Captain Beason in Maxie's regiment, which was assigned to the Army of the Tennessee. He participated in many hotly contested engagements and skirmishes, including the battles of Murfreesboro, Franklin, Perryville, Chickamauga and others of less importance. He saw hard service, undergoing all the deprivations and hardships of war. He was never taken prisoner but he was three times wounded sustaining two flesh wounds, one through a part of the shoulder that has since been a constant source of annoyance to him. He was a faithful soldier, always on duty, displaying valor and loyalty on the field of battle, and never but once did he receive a furlough and that near the close of the war, making a visit to his home in February, 1865. On the expiration of his term he started back to join his command but while on the way heard that Lee had surrendered and returned home, so that Mr. Reynolds himself never surrendered. In *Reminiscences of the Boys in Gray, 1861 - 1865* Miss Maxine Yeary writes:

A.C. Reynolds, Nocona, Texas -- Born Oct. 21, 1832, near Shelbyville. Enlisted in the Confederate Army in Daingerfield, Titus County, Texas Sept. 1, 1861, as private in Company D, Ninth Texas Regiment, 8th Brigade, Cheatham's Division, Polk's Corps, Army of Tennessee. His Captain was Beason and first Colonel was Maxey. After the battle of Murfreesboro was transferred to Ector's Brigade, French's Division, and moved back and forth from Mississippi to Tennessee. Was wounded at Chickamauga, in the shoulder, on the second day. Was wounded in the hip at Marietta, Ga., and in the hand at Nashville, Tenn.

Was promoted on the field for bravery at Murfreesboro on Dec. 31 to Second Sergeant, and

held this position till the close of the war. Was in the battles of Perryville, Ky.; Murfreesboro, Lost Mountain, Jonesboro, Kennesaw Mountain, Franklin and Nashville, Tenn, and a hard fight at Alltonna, Ga. The war cheated me out of four years of my life.

A.C. started to write of his own time during the Civil War. The following was copied from a note found in his trunk, in his writing. He was almost 84 years old when he wrote this.

A. C. Reynolds - Nocona, Texas - September 9, 1916

From an old southern soldier. I will tell my travels, here is my trails during four years of the war. I went from Daingerfield, Titus County, Texas in Captain Beason's Company close to Bonham where the Regiment was organized under General Maxey as Colonel of the 9th Texas Infantry Regiment. I was in Company "D". From there foot to Little Rock, Arkansas, from there to DeValls Bluff, took a boat to Memphis; from there to Iuka, Mississippi, then to Corinth; after Battle of Shiloh, back to Tupelo, from there to Mobile, Alabama, from there took a boat up the Alabama River to Montgomery, from there to Atlanta, Georgia, from there to Chattanooga, sent west of the Lookout Mountain and there stood guard on Tennessee River till army was organized. There put us in Smith's Brigade and Cheatham's Division, then through Tennessee to Kentucky, after surrender of Munfordville on to Perryville and after the Battle of Perryville to Knoxville, Tennessee, then back to Chattanooga, then to McMinnville, Tennessee, then to Murfreesboro, then to Shelbyville, from there to Jackson, Mississippi and there laid around. (Unfinished).

This most interesting and ancient surname, with variant spellings ranging from Reynalds, Rennnolds, and Renals, to Rennels, Runnalls, and Reynoldson, is considered English, but with Norse-Norman antecedents.

It is a patronymic form (i.e. "son of") of Reynold, which itself derives from a Germanic personal name composed of the elements "ragin", meaning "counsel", and "wald", meaning "rule". This type of name was very popular at the period, most being made up of elements indicating god like powers, war or power. This is one of the more restrained forms.

Introduced into England by 8th century Viking "settlers" in the form of "Rognvaldr", the Normans brought their version as version "Reinald" in 1066.

Early examples of the recordings include John Reynold, in the Hundred Rolls of Cambridgeshire in 1273, and John Reynalds in the Subsidy Rolls of Worcestershire in 1275. Ricardus Raynoldson is recorded in the Poll Tax rolls of Yorkshire in 1379, whilst Robert Reyghnoldes was married in London in 1617.

Later recordings include Robert Rennel, who was married at St Vedasts church, London, in 1772, whilst on January 3rd 1849, Richard Runnalls was a witness at St Pancras Olde Church, London.

The first known name holder settler in New England was Robert Reynolds, who in the very earliest register of Virginia, is recorded as 'being dead at ye plantacon over against James Cittie' on February 16th 1623.

The first known coat of arms probably granted by King Edward 111 (1327 - 1377) has the blazon of an ermine field, charged with a red chevronel, and a chief indented in black.

ABOUT THE REYNOLDS SURNAME

The first recorded spelling of the family name is shown to be that of Wilham Reynand, which was dated 1273, in the "Records of Hornchurch Priory, Essex", during the reign of King Edward 1, known as "The Hammer of the Scots", 1272 - 1307. Surnames became necessary when governments introduced personal taxation. In England this was known as Poll Tax.

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MARY FRANCES REYNOLDS

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**Also Known As:**

"Frannie", "Aba Dabba",
"Debbie Reynolds"

Birthdate: April 1, 1932

Birthplace: El Paso, El
Paso, Texas, United States

Death: Died December 28, 2016 in Los Angeles,
Los Angeles County, California, United States

Cause of death: stroke, possibly induced by
stress of daughter's death the previous day

Immediate Family:

Daughter of Raymond Francis Reynolds and
Maxine "Minnie" Reynolds

Ex-wife of Harry Karl; Richard Ronald Hamlett and
Eddie Fisher

Mother of Carrie Fisher and Todd Fisher

Sister of William Owen "Billy" Reynolds

Occupation: Actor, singer, dancer, author,
businessperson

Debbie Reynolds was an American actor, singer, entertainer, businesswoman, film historian, humanitarian and a noted former collector of film memorabilia. Her breakout role was the portrayal of Helen Kane in the 1950 film *Three Little Words*, for which she was nominated for the Golden Globe Award for Most Promising Newcomer. However, it was her first leading role in 1952 at age 19, as Kathy Selden in *Singin' in the Rain*, that set her on the path to fame. By the mid-1950s, she was a major star. Other notable successes include *The Affairs of Dobie Gillis* (1953), *Susan Slept Here* (1954), *Bundle of Joy* (1956 Golden Globe nomination), *The Catered Affair* (1956 National Board of Review Best Supporting Actress Winner), and *Tammy and the Bachelor* (1957), in which her rendering of the song "Tammy" reached number one on the music charts. In 1959, she released her first pop music album, entitled *Debbie*.

She starred in *How the West Was Won* (1963) and *The Unsinkable Molly Brown* (1964), a biographical film about the famously boisterous Molly Brown. Her performance as Molly Brown earned her a nomination for the Academy Award for Best Actress. Her other notable films include *The Singing Nun* (1966), *Divorce American Style* (1967), *What's the Matter with Helen?* (1971), *Mother* (1996 Golden Globe nomination), and *In & Out* (1997). Reynolds was also a noted cabaret performer. In 1979 she founded the Debbie Reynolds Dance Studio in North Hollywood, which still operates today.

In 1973 Reynolds starred in a Broadway revival of the musical *Irene* and was nominated for the Tony Award for Best Lead Actress in a Musical. In 1969 she starred in her own television show *The Debbie Reynolds Show*, for which she received a Golden Globe nomination. She was also nominated for a Daytime Emmy Award for her performance in *A Gift of Love* (1999) and an Emmy Award for playing

Grace's mother Bobbi on *Will & Grace*. At the turn of the millennium, Reynolds reached a new younger generation with her role as Aggie Cromwell in Disney's *Halloweentown* series. In 1988 she released her autobiography titled *Debbie: My Life*. In 2013, she released an updated version titled *Unsinkable: A Memoir*.

Reynolds was a noted businesswoman, having operated her own hotel in Las Vegas. She was also a collector of film memorabilia, beginning with the landmark 1970 MGM auction. She was the former president of The Thaliens, an organization dedicated to mental health causes. Reynolds continued to perform successfully on stage, television, and film into her eighties. In January 2015, Reynolds received the Screen Actors Guild Life Achievement Award. In August 2015, it was announced Reynolds would be the recipient of the 2016 Academy Awards Jean Hersholt Humanitarian Award. In 2016, a documentary about her life was released titled *Bright Lights: Starring Carrie Fisher and Debbie Reynolds*.

On December 28, 2016, one day after the death of her daughter Carrie Fisher, Reynolds was hospitalized at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, Los Angeles, in fair-to-serious condition after an unspecified medical emergency at her son's home. Later that afternoon, Reynolds died in the hospital.

REYNOLDS SURNAME yDNA PROJECT



I would like to introduce everyone to our new Vice-President of the Reynolds Surname yDNA Project.

Nancy Beth Wallander was born in Wichita Falls Texas into a family with a long history in Texas. She grew up in Lawton Oklahoma graduating from Eisenhower Senior High School. After graduation from high school she trained to become a Licensed Vocational Nurse. Relocating to the Washington DC area she worked at several jobs in the medical and retail fields. She again packed up her family and relocated to Northern California where she again worked in healthcare. While in California she also returned to school receiving an associate of science in nursing (ADN), a bachelor of science in nursing (BSN) and ultimately a master of science in nursing (MSN) with a focus on cardiology and education. After graduation with her MSN she embarked on a series of travel/work adventures in the Middle East, Germany, Midway Atoll, New Mexico, Wisconsin, Alaska, Virginia, and Maryland. She now lives primarily in Alaska with her husband, James Cassell, but keeps a home in California as well.

Nancy has long been interested in finding out where her family comes from. She has a passion for learning about her family genealogy and now engages and shares this passion with other family members as well as a growing number of people she has met on line. She has traveled to a number of locations where her ancestors lived and worked, looking for family members in county courthouses, cemeteries, and local genealogy societies. She has traveled to several locations in the United States and Europe researching her family history. With the availability of DNA testing and access to genealogy data bases her searches have soared to a whole new level. She has been able to identify unknown branches of her family and has even been able to help reunite previously unknown family with their parents and siblings.

Always willing to share her knowledge and expertise, Nancy derives great joy in helping others connect with their families past.

FYI

Courtesy of the Mount Vernon Gen. Soc.

Dating Tombstones: One way to help find the era your ancestor was buried is to examine the material from which the tombstone is made. If your ancestor has a stone made of slate or common fieldstone (except wood used by pioneers), chances are the stone dates from 1796-1830.

- If the stone is flat-topped hard marble, dates are about 1830-18~9.
- If the "mystery" stone is round or pointed soft marble with cursive inscriptions, look for a date of 1845-1868.
- Masonic four-sided stones began in 1850 and are still in use today.
- Pylons, columns and all exotic-style monuments are usually dated 1860-1900.
- Zinc monuments date from 1870-1900.
- Granite, now common. came into use about 1900.

If the writing is too faded to read, use a 75-watt black light bulb in any lamp that casts light directly on the written message. The writing will miraculously appear!

What Do Those Initials Mean?

Initials after your ancestor's names may provide useful information that you'd not expected. The following list includes initials you may come across when reading old wills/other documents.

a.a.s.: died in the year of his/her age (anno aetatis suae) (86 y/o died in year 86);
 d.s.p.: died without issue (decessit sine prole legitima);
 d.s.p.l.: died without legitimate issue (decessit sine prole mascula supesita);
 d.s.p.m.s: died without surviving male issue (decessit sine prole mascula supersita);
 d.s.p.s: died without surviving issue (decessit sine prole supersita);
 d.unm: died unmarried;
 d.v.p: died in the lifetime of father (decessit vita patris):

d.v.m.r: died in the lifetime of mother (decessit vita matris);
 Et al: and others (et alia);
 Instant: present month (instant);
 Liber: book or volume;
 Nepos: grandson;
 Nunc: Nuncupative will, an oral will, written by a witness;
 Ob: he/she died (obit);
 Relict: widow/widower (relict/relictus);
 Sic: so or thus, exact copy as written;
 Testes: witnesses;
 Ult: ultimate: late (ultimo);
 Ux or vs: wife (uxor);
 Viz: namely (videlicet).

QUERIES

Upon writer request members' queries will be published without charge and non-members' will be published at discretion of RFA, also without charge. Queries may be edited and RFA assumes no responsibility for their accuracy. [Editor's comments will be in brackets.] Please address all queries to the editor.

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I am able to trace my father's line (Reynolds) back to a Nathaniel Reynolds born circa 1805, somewhere in Virginia. I wonder if he was a descendant of the Captain Nathaniel Reynolds listed on your site? Cpt. Reynolds came to America with his father, Robert, in about 1630. Any help would be much appreciated.

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My Grand Father was Oscar Reese Reynolds, born 01-07-1886 in MO and Passed 01-10-1958. He was the one that was traded to Chief Sapulpa for food from my Great Grand Father. I have heard I have family in Tennessee, VA, GA. Staples was a family member, Oscar married Della Rosa Whiteley, she was from Oklahoma. My Father's name was Mote LR Reynolds married Marjorie Carline Tiff. He had many brothers and one sister, Valerie Reynolds, she lives in Portland, OR. Rest of my Uncles lived and died in Sapula, OK.