Delving into the Genealogical Research Process

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Book Loan Collection

• Over 10,000 Family histories

• Over 30,000 Volumes

• State, county, and local histories

• Abstracts of records of cemeteries, churches, courts, deeds, marriages, wills and other probate records

• Strong holdings for East Coast States
History & Genealogy

- 100,000 Cataloged Volumes
- Circulate Duplicates / Inter-Library Loan
- Scope of U.S. Resources:
  - Missouri & St. Louis
  - States East of the Mississippi River
  - Mississippi River States - Arkansas, Louisiana, Iowa
  - Growing number of resources for Texas, Kansas, Nebraska, and Oklahoma.
Ethnic & European Resources:

- African American
- Germany
- Switzerland
- England
- Ireland
- Scotland
- French Canada
- Czech Republic
Case #1

“I hear this is where I can pick up my genealogy?”
How do you respond?
"Done! Everyone in the family tree has been found & everything is perfectly organized including the photos," said no genealogist... EVER.

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Suggest Groundwork

• Talk to family

• Look for “Genealogical” sources at home
  – Birth Certificates
  – Marriage Licenses
  – Church Records
  – Baptismal Certificates
  – Etc.
... into the Census

- Federal Census
  - 1790 – 1940 (Minus 1890)
  - Non-Population and Special Censuses

- State and Territorial Censuses
Where to look at the Census?

- Ancestry
- Heritage Quest
- Family Search
- Mocavo on Findmypast
- Fold3
Case #2

- “My teacher assigned me this genealogical research project.”
FOUR GENERATION CHART

NAME: Dylan McCarthy
b. 19 March 2002
w. Missouri Baptist Hospital
m.
w.
d.
w.

SPouse:

b.
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KEY:
b. Born
d. Died
m. Married
w. Where

FATHER: Robert McCarthy
b. 18 August 1977
w. St. Louis
m. 26 May 2001
w.
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MOTHER: Donna
b. 12 October 1951
w. St. Louis
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FATHER: William Moore
b. 24 November 1949
w. Chicago
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MOTHER: Mary Ann
b. 18 June 1949
w. Ohio
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GREAT-GRANDPARENTS:

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GREAT-GRANDPARENTS:

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Suggested Topics

• What records might be available to help this patron?
• What should he/she do next?
Resolution
The Complete Genealogy of Everyone Who Ever Lived or Ever Will Live (974 Volumes)
Grandma Calling Grandm...
Case #3

“I thought my grandfather George was an only child...”
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**State:** Kansas, 7070
of each person whose place of abode on April 1, 1930, was in this family. Enter surname first, then the given name and middle initial, if any. Include every person living on April 1, 1930. Omit children born since April 1, 1930.

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**PLACE OF BIRTH**

Place of birth of each person enumerated and of his or her parents. If born in the United States, give State or Territory. If of foreign birth, give country in which birthplace is now situated. (See Instructions.) Distinguish Canada-French from Canada-English, and Irish Free State from Northern Ireland.

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Suggested Topics

• Questions raised by documents?
• Questions for the patron?
• What would you do?
Resolution
Questions This Raised

• Are there inaccuracies on the census?
• Are Nellie and Ella the same person?
• Who are all these extra kids?
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MARRIAGE LICENSE.

State of Kansas, Franklin County, ss.

Attoow. Kansas November 7th A. D. 1894

TO ANY PERSON AUTHORIZED BY LAW TO PERFORM THE MARRIAGE CEREMONY, GETTING:

YOU ARE HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO JOIN IN MARRIAGE Mr. H. J. Ambler
of Lawrence, Kansas aged 24 years, and Mrs. I. E. Evans
of Lawrence, Kansas aged 20 years, and of this License you will make due return to my office within thirty days.

(L.S.)

John H. Harission
Probate Judge.

CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE.

State of Kansas, Franklin County, ss.

I, THE UNDERSIGNED, a Probate Judge of Ottawa, do hereby certify, that in accordance with the authorization of the within License, I did, on the 7th day of November A. D. 1894 at Ottawa in said County, join and unite in marriage the within-named Mr. H. J. Ambler
and Mrs. I. E. Evans.

WITNESS my hand, the day and year above written.

John H. Harission
Official Title: Probate Judge.

State of Kansas, Franklin County, ss.

I, THE UNDERSIGNED, Probate Judge of said County, hereby certify the above to be a correct copy of the original Marriage License by me issued on the day first above written, together with a copy of the return indorsed on such License by the person performing the marriage ceremony.

John H. Harission
Probate Judge.
Divorce Wanted.
Harry J. Ambler filed suit this morning in the district court asking for a divorce from his wife, Susan E. Ambler. He alleges extreme cruelty as his grounds for asking for the separation.

Asks Divorce.
Application was filed in district court yesterday by Harry J. Ambler for a divorce from his wife Susan Ambler.
HOMES FOR CHILDREN

Seven Disposed of by Juvenile Officer Fincher

The seven Ambler children have been disposed of by Juvenile Officer J. D. Fincher, temporary homes being found for all of the flock. Mrs. S. T. Gillispie took the youngest, a babe of four months, to St. Margaret's Home in Kansas City, yesterday. A permanent home for it will be found by the sisters there after it grows stronger.

Five of the little ones were placed in the Catholic home at Atchison, and the oldest boy given to a couple near Eudora. The probate court found that the mother, Mrs.-Susie Ambler, was unable to properly care for the flock.
Lawrence Daily World

July, 28th, 1908
August, 1st, 1908
August, 6th, 1908
August, 22nd, 1908

NINE IN A ROOM

And All Down With Serious Case
Smallpox.

THE FAMILY IS DESTITUTE

Harry Ambler, His Wife and
Children All Sick.

And Living in Single Unsani-fied Room—No Chance Whatever
of Disease Spreading.

Nine people living in one room
of them seriously sick with
smallpox, is the pitiful condi-
tion the Ambler family in North
Lawrence, absolutely destitute,
again. Absolutely destitute,
family are wholly dependent up
on county and during the siege of
ness, County Commissioner Parnell
had his hands full caring for
am.

The food and look after Ambler’s
lives just outside the city limits
of the case.

THREE

Entire Family Is Now Well From
Smallpox and House Has
Been Disinfected.

City Health Officer Rudolph has
raised the quarantine for smallpox
from the Ambler home in North
Lawrence, across from the Maple
Grove cemetery, and the entire
family is now free to come and go as it
wills. The house has been thor-
oughly disinfected so that there will be
no chance of the infection being
spread.

During the long siege of sickness,
the entire family, including the
father and mother and nine children,
had smallpox in a more or less se-
vere form, although only two of
the smaller children were attacked seri-
ously. During the illness the family
was entirely destitute and had to be
cared for by County Poor Com-
misioner Parnell, who looked after
their needs in an extremely capable
manner.

Harry Ambler, the father, who is
a teamster, is now back at his work
again, after the enforced lay-off of
a month, and is able to look after his
family now.
Marriage License.

A marriage license was issued this morning to Mr. Harvey A. Dolon of Earlsbrow, Okla., and Miss Nellie Van Thompson, of this city.

A license was issued this morning to Mr. A. Harry J. Ambler of this city and Miss Nellie May Crumrine, of Eudora.
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Ambler Children Here.

The children of Mr. Ambler who were taken to the orphans home in Atchison about a year ago will be returned to their father today. There has been much discussion about these children and it is to be hoped that at last their father can take care of them.

Lawrence Daily World, June 15th, 1911
What about Susan Ella Evans?
State of Kansas, County of Washington, ss.

OFFICE OF THE PROBATE JUDGE OF SAID COUNTY.

John M. O'Brien, who here makes application for Marriage License.

Addressed to any person authorized by law to issue in said marriage.

The said

John M. O'Brien

aged 44 years, and

Anna Brown

aged 26 years, and

first duty owes, did say that

And that they, the said

John H. O'Brien

and

Anna Brown

are related to each other in the degrees prohibited by law, to wit: Parent and child, grandparent and grandchild of any degree, brother and sister of either the one-half of the whole blood, and such words, and words, are my first cousins, and that there exists no legal impediment to said marriage.

In testimony whereof, I, the undersigned, Judge of the Probate Court of Washington County, State of Kansas, do hereby seal this my certificate with my name and official seal, this 19th day of May, A.D. 1893.

William H. O'Brien, Judge of Probate Court.

May 19, 1893.

Mary O'Brien, Mother.

Robert M. O'Brien, Father.

Washington County, State of Kansas.

John M. O'Brien

Mary O'Brien

May 19, 1893.

J. H. O'Brien

Judge of Probate Court.

Mary A. O'Brien

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May 19, 1893.
Case #4

“When was my Great-Grandmother born?”
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1918 – 37 = 1881

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BUCHANAN—Entered into rest on Saturday, May 18, 1918, at 3:30 a.m., Catherine M. Buchanan (nee Crosson), beloved wife of Officer John W. Buchanan, mother of Edward C. and John W. Buchanan Jr., sister of Jerry J., Philip and Myrtle Crosson and the late William F. Crosson and Mrs. Mary Tehan, our dear aunt and sister-in-law and daughter-in-law.

Funeral will take place from the family residence, 4891 San Francisco avenue, on Monday, May 20, at 8:30 a.m., to Holy Rosary Church, thence to Calvary Cemetery. Motor. (c)
1910 - 28 = 1882
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**July 1878**
John James, on the 15th day of June 1904, did undertake a priest have joined in the holy hands of Matrimony John W. Buchanan and Catherine of Mrs. A. Buchanan and Rose Crosson Harpey of the first part and Catherine Mrs. Crosson, daughers of Edw. Wm. Crosson and Mary McCarney of the second part.

Witnesses: Mary Crosson, Charles Shanahan.

St. Malachy Church
Suggested Topics

• Clearly all of the dates cannot be correct. Can you rule any of them out?
• What resources might be available to resolve the question?
• What next steps would you recommend?
Resolution
12 Jun 1880

3

1880 – 3 = 1877

9 Nov 1880

4

1880 – 4 = 1876
Baptized 16 Jul 1876

Born on the 7\textsuperscript{th} of July

On this 16\textsuperscript{th} day of July 1876 was baptized

Catherine Croston

daughter of:

Edward Croston and Mary Croston born McCarthy

Patrick Power & Bridget Sullivan: Housees

The child was born on the 7\textsuperscript{th} of July.

On this 16\textsuperscript{th} day of July 1876 was baptized

Stanislaus Riemann