

# \*TREE TALK\*

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## Editor's Letter

**Helen Marable received a surprise email in September a year ago. You may read about her Excellent Genealogical Adventure on page 3**

**James L. Douthat of Mountain press is ending his long history of publishing books at the end of December. We will miss his stories about genealogy. See his column on page 14.**

**Dr. Deborah L. Burkett is one of our members and is a member and former Chairman of the Cherokee County Historical Commission. She has been one of the driving forces in Jacksonville's 150th Anniversary Celebration. She has been demonstrating safe methods of cleaning tombstones at Jacksonville City Cemetery two Saturdays a month since June. One of the Anniversary events was "Walk through History" on October 16th. See page 16.**

**I have accumulated a lot of paper files since I became the Editor in 2000. I was shredding old membership files when I found Mrs. Grace Warnick Lynch's letter which is found on page 21.**

**I hope you enjoy this issue of TREE TALK.**

**Gordon Bennett, Editor**



## **Helen Marable's Excellent Genealogical Adventure**

**By Helen Marable and Donald Heck**

For those of you that may not know, my name is Helen Marable and I've been asked to talk a little bit about my recent trip to Germany.

I always thought I would like to go to Germany because it's where my ancestors emigrated from to come to USA. After moving to Texas from Minnesota, I felt I was losing family connections. Therefore, I started working on my ancestry and building those connections. I was introduced to CCGS and Sue Taylor helped me get started. Gordon Bennett introduced me to Ancestry and then Family Tree Maker. Extended family helped fill in more and more information. A computer crash in 2015 derailed my efforts but COVID-19, I decided to get back into it. I updated information previously lost and the information become public.

Throughout the years by attending the Cherokee County Genealogical Society and this was very late 80's helpful hints how the trace or find family. Very first thing is start with yourself, parents, siblings, grandparents, anyone alive. Go to cemeteries of which I did with my mom one time. Start out listing name of the cemetery and location and if you can, take a picture of its entrance. I wrote information from headstones or footstones as she pointed out relatives. When we got back home she explained who related to whom. Contact aunts and uncles, get birthdates and whatever you can receive anything.

My mom's dad lineage at present at a dead end. Think name changed and according to story some things were hidden upon arrival they had to speak German rather Polish. Lived near Berlin. That is another direction I need to work. That information I have is from my mom's first cousin, who is dead now. I am so glad I have the stories I have because it is a starting point of where to begin searching for lineage and the life they lived.

This is when I received a message in Ancestry from a "Christiane Bohn" in Meppen, Germany - September 2021...

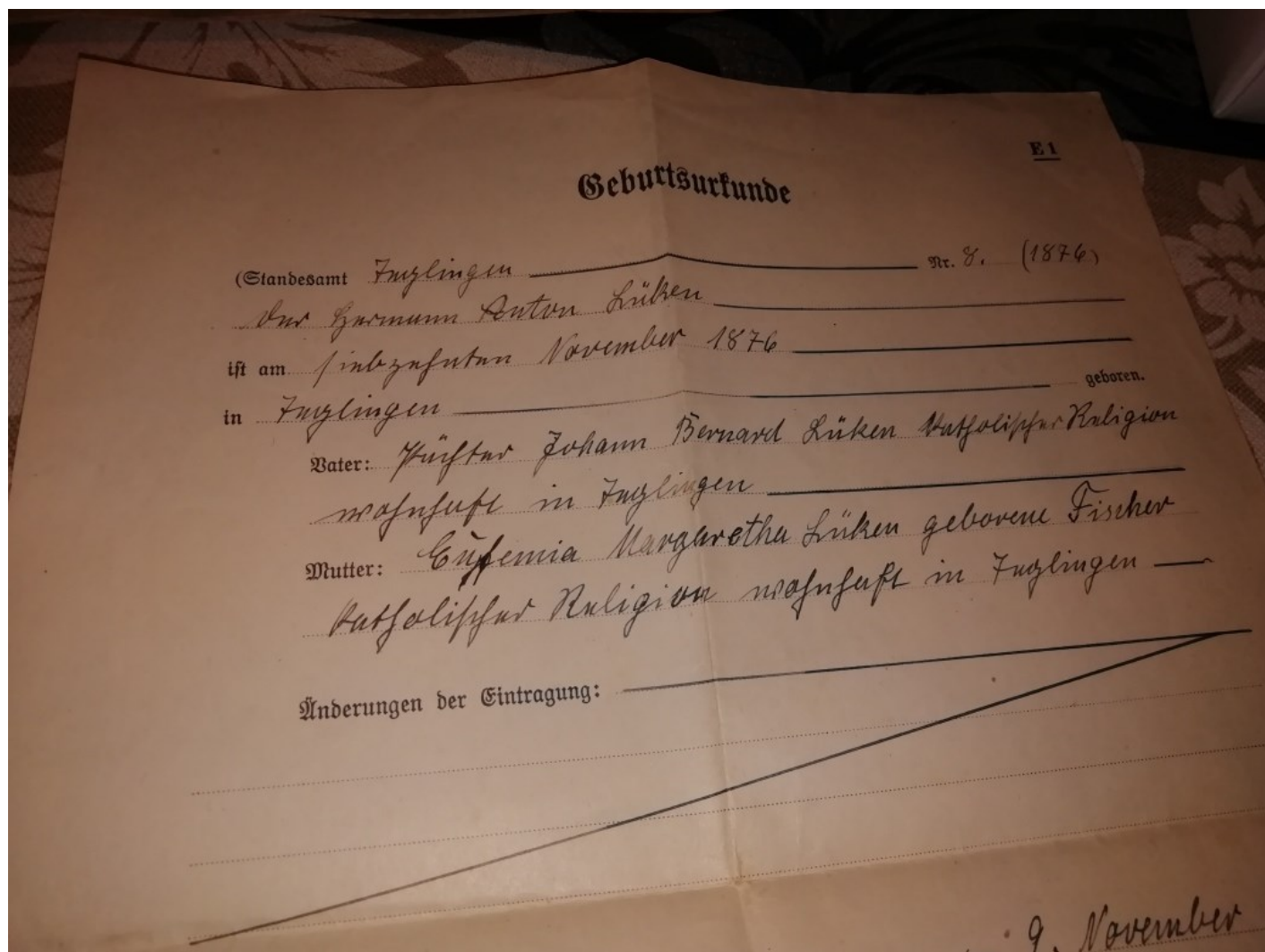
"Dear Mrs. Marable, please do not be surprised to read about me as a complete stranger. My name is Christiane Bohn and I have taken a test at Ancestry last year. To my great joy it may be that we are related. Yesterday came a revised family tree and I found there the names of Anna Luken and Henry Ehrnst. Anna Luken was the sister of my maternal great-grandfather, who emigrated to the USA about 19 Hundert. My great-aunt Wilma, the youngest daughter of my great-grandfather, who unfortunately died last year at the age of 94, could still remember it. Anna emigrated from Emsland, a region in northern Germany, and our whole family still lives there. I would be very happy if you would be interested in contacting me, we are all so happy to have found perhaps a part of our family, because unfortunately the contact probably broke off during the First World War. But Aunt Wilma has tried again and again to find Anna and Heinrich and their family again.

With warmest regards, Christiane Bohn," email and phone

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So, back to relatives. I corresponded to her after that first message. If I did not have the story I could not have said yes, she is a relative and pursued this trip and meeting the family.

Christiane snapped pictures with her camera as she and her mom were going through her Aunt Wilma's belongings. She sent copies of baptismal certificates of great-grandfather Anton Luken. Some documents with typed German plus blanks to fill and some completely hand-written in Deutsch or German language. I tried translating as much as I could from German to English. With what information she has sent I now have Anton and Anna's parents names. Euphemia Margareta Fischer, 29 August 1833 in Emsburen (Emsland) and her father Johann Bernhard Luken 19th of June 1837 Klosterholte (Emsland).



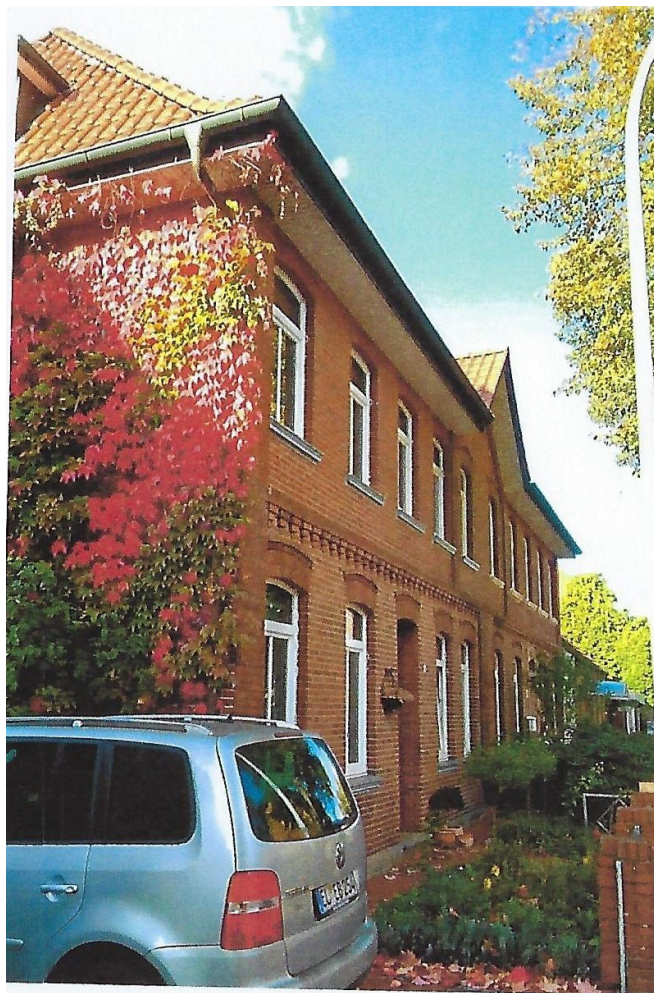


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She sent me picture of home her great-grandfather built in 1904 and lived when he married Thelka. She wrote the roof and windows are new, but otherwise it is still original. The house in now in the middle of the small town of Meppen, but in the beginning of the last century there were only potato fields and a meadow for the pigs behind the house. Anton, himself was a postman in the surrounding area, but most families also had some farming, as the income was usually not enough for many children.



Thelka and Anton Luken wedding picture



Anton and Thelka Luken home today.



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October 2021 Christiane wrote:

Their parents were "Heuerteute", they had to work as farm hands and maids on large farms for room and board. Their father was also a sexton. They were therefore very poor. Until the middle of the last century, the Emsland was one of the poorest regions in Germany, as there was only moorland, no industry and the farmland first had to be cultivated. The people there were (are) still very religious (Roman Catholic) and therefore had many children. But "Heuerleute" could hardly feed their many children, so many were given up for adoption or given as maids to rich farms when they were still children. That's why we do not find any more siblings yet, it is difficult to trace the path of the children who were given away. But apparently Anna was the only one who emigrated. Poverty will have been the reason for Anna's emigration. As a young woman she had no prospects except perhaps a forced marriage or even into a convent. But even that was unlikely, as she had no dowry. She must have hoped for a better, free life. How brave of her. Unfortunately I only have a family history of her brother Anton, but in the meantime our whole family is looking for new information (we have a WhatsApp family group).

She also wrote: My parents still live in Meppen, where Anna was born in the district of Teglingen. Until the first WWI the village belonged to the "Kingdom of Hannover" nowadays "Lower Saxonia". She wrote that Anna and Henry emigrated in 1884 via Bremerhaven. Anna was 20 years. Henry 24 years.

Later correspondence she mentioned Anton had eight children. I in return mentioned Anna had 12 children. As she was going through things she even had the list of Anton's siblings. Found that there six children in the family.



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Over the years I have received stories of lives of my ancestors after arrival to USA. One is an interview written by Micky Murphy from Willy Kleindl in 1999. He is the grandson of my great-grandma Anna Luken Ehrnst. Willy told that Anna Luken and Henry Ehrnst traveled separately to America.

Henry homesteaded 160 acres of land at Beardsley, Minnesota. He was the first in his family to own land. Henry and Anna Luken were the first people married in Beardsley Catholic Church of St. Mary's. Henry built a one room Sod House. They used a bucket to get water from sloughs and ditches. At first, their main food source was wild game that Henry shot with his musket. Gradually they acquired tools and equipment to better farm the land. They suffered many hardships from the harsh Minnesota winters, but they OWNED LAND. They raised 12 children, including Helen's grandmother, Anna Mary Ehrnst.



**Henry and Anna Luken Ehrnst**



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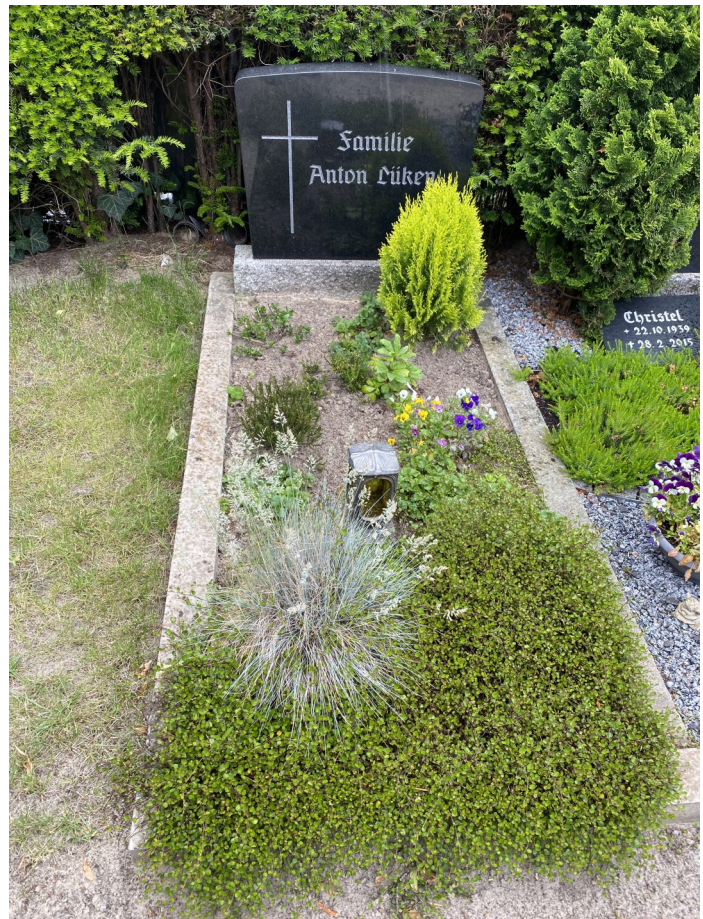
Helen and Christiane sent each other stories, pictures, emails and had Zoom meetings. Helen started talking about if Christiane would like some visitors from America.

Our trip with the family began at the rail station in Munster, Germany where Christiane met us. She stopped at a coffee shop for a break before taking us to the Hotel Poker in Meppen.

Coffee was different from here. Served in a small cup and very strong. There was more than one choice to purchase. The hotel wow, very nice, and the breakfasts super. All kinds of dark bread with lots of seeds, top, bottom and inside, along with meats, cheeses, eggs, yogurt and more. That day she picked us and first stopped at a farm and she purchased some asparagus. Her son all day kept talking about the Bar B Que. So all day he was patiently waiting for the Bar B Que and having asparagus.

She took us to Clemens Werth Castle (1737-1747) in Emsland, Germany. Then she showed us land they called Moor, which is uncultivated upland. After that we went to see the Alte Schule Bokeloh church where parents of Anna and Anton Luken married and also their parents Johan and Euphemia Luken family attended.

Then a stop at the cemetery and saw the headstone which says Familie of Anton Luken. She said the family has to take care of the plot. I have a question how long does the family have ownership of the plot?



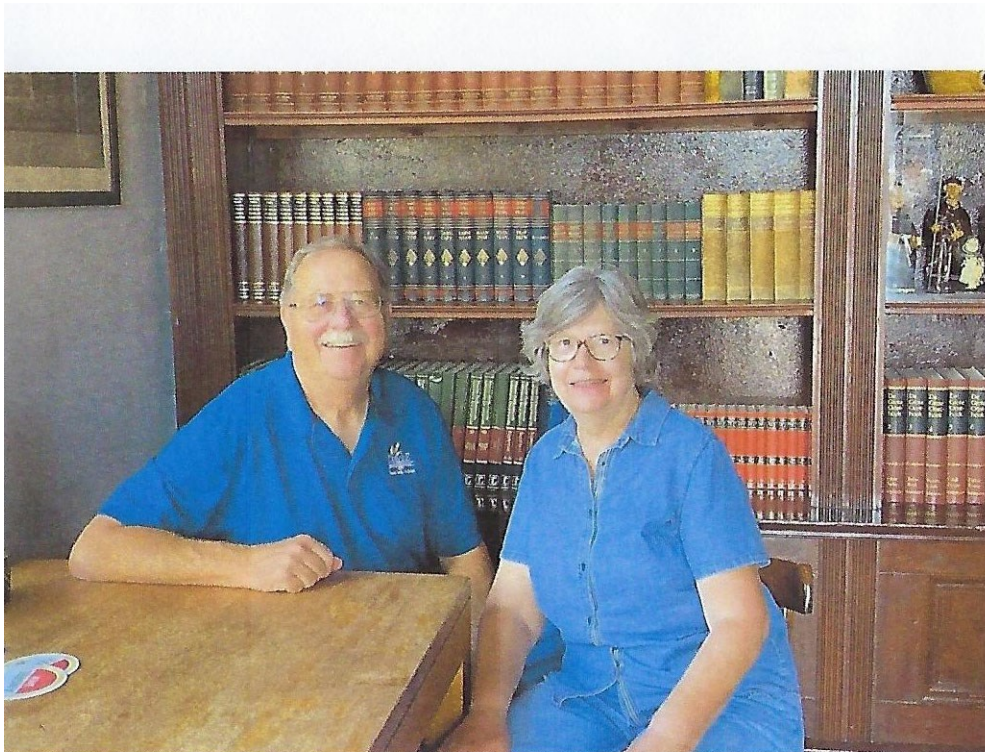


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We went back to hotel for while and then she picked us up for the Bar B Que. Her parents home and hotel very close to each other. We visited first at her parents home. In attendance was Christiane, her son-Finn, her mom and dad, sister and husband, and Christiana mom's sister. Over half talked English. They said learned English but have not been using so bit challenging. Too me, they did fantastic. Then came the Bar B Que in the backyard. A feast of meats was grilled from different wurst, schnitzel, salads and of course the asparagus which is white, but tastes like the green we have here. Think they grow it in a dark building or covered. Great people, and have since received a response you both are welcome to come anytime.

Christiane and her son took us Bentheim Castle near Munster. She teaches at the college in Munster. She is sweet and lovely lady.

With the help of Don, my brother, and companion on this trip are his comments the balance of the trip:



DON HECK (BROTHER)

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After we said goodbye to our extended family, we started on a historical tour. I will list our stops and a highlight of two of each.

First stop was Munich. The thing that had the most impact on me was a tour of the Dachau Concentration Camp. This was the first camp built, and that was in 1933. It was originally set up to put political dissidents in "protective custody". As time went by this camp and many others were not just a place to get rid of political dissidents, Jews, and Gypsies, but to provide slave labor for manufacturing of war materials. By about 1942 the Nazi's were just rounding up any able bodied person for slave labor. Often they would surround a church or theater and grab people as they came out. Life expectancy in this camp was less than 3 years. Enough of that!

Onto Vienna! Here we found a beautiful historical area. St Stephen's was the oldest and the largest (1400's). I think the most beautiful was St. Paul's Cathedral, it is not as large but ornate. This area is quite touristy, a great place to sit and watch people from all over the world.

Onto Prague! The capital and largest city in the Czech Republic. Architecture here is very old, as it is one of the cities that did not suffer bombing in WWII. It was fun walking through the area they called Old Town and New Town (New town was only 300-400 years old) In Old Town they had a really neat Astrological clock installed in 1410.

Last stop, Berlin! Certainly, the most impactful thing for me was the tours about both Hitler and the Berlin Wall. I realized how little I knew about history around the world that happens in my lifetime, born 1952. Example: The Berlin Wall, after WWII Germany was split in two with the Russians controlling East Germany and West Germany controlled by the British. The U.S. Berlin was in East Germany, but being the capital was split. People for quite a while were sneaking into West Berlin (from all over East Germany) and then they could leave Germany for other parts of the world. The Russians began to think that too many East Germans were leaving and they could have a labor shortage (as many as 2.5 million)

So, one night in 1967 (Where were you?) the Russian Military put a fence up between East and West Berlin. Soon thereafter the wall was built, complete with guard towers etc. Along came 1989. (Where were in 1989?) In 1989 there happened to be a World Summit, with all the world leaders present. The Puppet leader of East Germany was Known to be "Not Smart" and said things before he thought about it. Some reporters asked him if there had been talks about tearing down the wall. He said, "Yes". They asked him when was it coming down, and in frustration about the questioning he said, "It might as will be now". When the East Berliners heard this on the news, several hundred thousand rushed the wall with hammers and beat the wall to pieces. (This became known as the woodpecker rebellion.) Later Germany was reunited. I will add the wall was in three sections, not joined.



Back to Texas June 26, 2022, a trip we will never forget.

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### Relationship: Helen Marie Heck to Christiane Bohn

Christiane Bohn is the 3rd cousin of Helen Marie Heck


2nd great grandparent

 <b>Johann Bernhard Luken</b> b: 19 Jun 1837 Klosterholte, Emsland, Germany d:	 <b>Euphemia Margareta Fischer</b> b: 29 Aug 1833 Emsbüren, Emsland, Niedersach d:
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Great grandmother

 <b>Anna M. Luken</b> b: 24 Aug 1864 Teglingen, Emsland, Niedersachs d: 05 May 1943 Beardsley, Big Stone, Minnesota,
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2nd great-uncle

 <b>Anton Luken</b> b: 17 Nov 1876 Emsland, Niedersachsen, Germa d: 1954 Meppen, Germany
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Paternal grandmother

 <b>Anna Mary Ehrnst</b> b: 24 Jun 1895 Arthur Township, Traverse County d: 14 Jun 1996 Browns Valley, Traverse County,
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1st cousin 2x removed

 <b>Berhnhard Luken</b> b: d:
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Father

 <b>Joseph Henry Heck</b> b: 09 Apr 1920 Barry, Big Stone county, Minnesot d: 01 Jan 1998 Beardsley, Big Stone, Minnesota,
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2nd cousin 1x removed

 <b>Edeltraud Luken</b> b: Abt. 1943 Germany d:
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Self

 <b>Helen Marie Heck</b> b: █████ 1948 Browns Valley, Traverse, Minneso d:
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3rd cousin

 <b>Christiane Bohn</b> b: █████ 1968 Germany d:
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## NAMES by James L. Douthat

All of us are researching a NAME. We want all of the dates, places, and information that we can find on that name. But are we sure we are researching the name we should be looking into? When I started doing research on my name and the names in my family, I felt quite smug that I was the only one doing this and the name was eternal. How wrong I was on both counts.

Naming only began following the Crusades as there suddenly became necessary to be able to call someone something different from the ones next to them. At first, they were called "John - Bill - Bob - etc." and this was sufficient for the time, but then John got married to Mary and then little Johns and Marys began to come into the world. John 1 and John 2 and John 3 did not seem too sufficient for everyone else. Last names began to come into play. Many times, the last name was just created by location such as "John by the river" or John at the foot of the mountain". Sometimes they might be called "John the Miller" or John the Butcher".

Since most of the common man of the day worked on the estate of a wealthy landowner, they might take the name of the man of the house and that became their surname also. This was very common when the slaves were freed in the south after the Civil War. On the program "Who Do You Think You Are" frequently when their subject is a person of color they will try to trace, via DNA, the history prior to the emancipation of the slaves. This is a difficult process at best. It can be done but is a very expensive process and you must have access to all of the DNA databases.

I consulted several Dictionaries of Names when it hit me that the line I was working on was not spelled the same. I was working on my mother maiden name of "Painter". The earliest man with that name I had found up to that time was Mathias Painter who migrated from the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia down to Wythe County, Virginia in about 1803. In checking the Wythe County records, I found the early deeds and there he was listed as purchasing a tract of land. I got this from the index and was happy. Then I made a trip to the Wythe County Court House to see the original record. This started me on a quest to go back to the original records and not just look at abstractions or transcription. In the margin of the deed records, the clerk at the time has written, "He signs his name in English as Painter but in German the name is 'Bender'".



## NAMES

I had found many references to English Painters and never looked for German Painters. None of the relatives who were oldest in the family would admit that we were German and emphatically denied the reference. Several years later I mentioned this to a German Professor at college and he said it was due to the way the name Painter would be pronounced in German. It would be "Bain-ter". His name was probably changed when he came to the United States and when he got off the boat, he was required to go to the courthouse and register. He may or may not have been able to read and write and he may have signed with an "X". The English ear heard the name and wrote "Painter". We'll never know for certain.

In the case of my wife's family name of "Kell", my brother-in-law was a worldwide traveler going to Ireland many times. He kept telling me that in Dublin he has gone to see the "Book of Kells", so the name Kell is Irish. I could never convince him that he might not be Irish. We were in Winston-Salem, NC once working on the Moravian records and found in an immigration set of records that David Schell came to American as listed on the ships manifest. When he registered at the courthouse later, he is listed as "David Kell". Pennsylvania is full of Schells but no Kells who all came from Pennsylvania to North Carolina where her ancestors came from.

In one of my books, "Dictionary of American Family Names" by Elsdon C. Smith here is just one or two names:

DENNY, DENNEY, DENNIE [Scot. Eng.] One who came from Denny (wet Land), a town and parish in Stirlingshire, or from Dengy (Danes' Island), at Cambridgeshire; pet form of Dennis.

ROTTER, ROTER [Eng. Ger.] One who played a rote, musical instrument of the violin class; one with red hair or a ruddy complexion; one who came from Roth (red), the name of several places in Germany.

MERRIWEATHER, MERRYWEATHER, MERRIWETHER [ Eng.] - A gay, blithe or agreeable person.

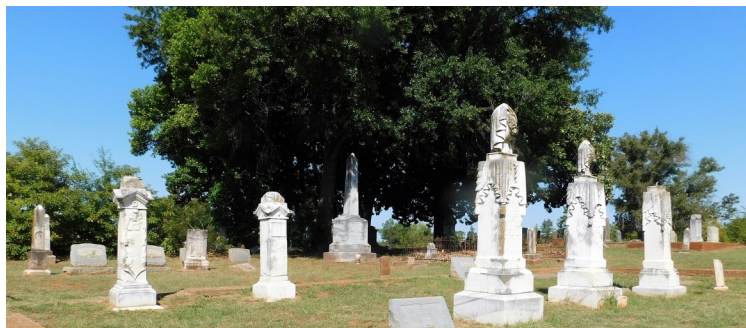
Can you find the derivation of your name? There are a number of Dictionaries of names available. Check one out or better still check out more than one, they do differ.

James L. Douthat

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## Walk through History

**Jacksonville  
Old City Cemetery  
October 16, 2022 2 to 4 PM**

### Program: Historic Figures Speak

- **Frances Gaynelle Bailey Bone (b. 1895, d. 1944)** graduated from nursing school in 1919. During World War I and the flu epidemic, there was a need for more nurses. After receiving her RN, Gaynelle came to Jacksonville to work at the Cherokee Sanitarium which later became Nan Travis Hospital. (portrayed by Deborah Burkett)
- **M. L. Earle (b.1856, d.1932)** was elected mayor first in 1905 and served until 1911 and again from 1913 to 1919. Regarded as local historian; his 1914 map of Jacksonville still used today. Was Master of Ceremonies at the 1922 Jacksonville 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary program in the City Park. (portrayed by Dr. John Ross)
- **Jackson Smith (b. 1814, d. 1897)** served in the Army of the Republic of Texas. As a Texas soldier, once stood guard over Santa Anna. At Gum Creek built a log house and blacksmith shop and served as the first postmaster. (portrayed by Andy Calcote)
- **Special Music: Mike Kellogg and the Lykins Family**
- **Odle Family (early settlers)** arrived at Gum Creek in a covered wagon. A member of the Odle family was reported by some to be the first burial in the Old City Cemetery. (portrayed by Antony Baker and Jamie Dorsey)
- **Melvina Chessher (b. 1833, d. 1940 at 106 and ½.)** This “Mother of Jacksonville” had five children and three husbands. Her son John believed to be the first boy born in “New” Jacksonville. She owned a hotel in downtown and became quite the celebrity. Her life heralded in publications throughout the state such as the Dallas Morning News. (portrayed by Nancy Nesselhauf)
- **Hiram and Amanda Spear (married in Cherokee County December 20, 1857)** Hiram served in the Confederacy at Fort Nelson, Arkansas, with the 18<sup>th</sup> Texas Infantry Company K. When Amanda heard of his illness she rode on horseback 300 miles through brutally cold weather to nurse him back to health. (portrayed by Shelley Cleaver and Betty Miller)
- **Alfredo R. Cavazoz (b. 1888, d. 1975)** Left Mexico and came to this country and to Jacksonville in 1928. He worked for the International and Great Northern Railroad for five years, then for the Cotton Belt railroad for twenty-five years. (portrayed by Roy Cavazoz Jr.)

**Tribute to Honor all Veterans: Prayer by Sam Hopkins**

## Preserving Our History at Old City Cemetery, Jacksonville



Photo was taken at Old City Cemetery, Jacksonville, Memorial Day weekend, 2022. Girl Scouts of Tyler, families, teachers and scout leader Cathy Cates placed US Flags on Veterans' graves. The Girl Scouts received the "President's Award" for this special project. Also in photo are Jacksonville residents Elizabeth Bonta and husband Paul (on back row). They supplied flags, as well as Deborah Burkett (seen center) and the Cherokee County Historical Commission



Cleaning stones at Old City Cemetery L to R: Garden Club member Mary Catherine Spiller, Brook Hill student Weston Hord, Jacksonville Rotary Club member, John Thomason and Collections Coordinator-Jacksonville Public Library, Jamie Dorsey.



- **Battle Hyman of the Republic by Mike Kellogg**
- **Lula Seaton Huggins (b. 1900 in Oklahoma Indian Territory)** Her father died before she was born and family moved to Texas. As a teenager she went to work for C.W. and Adelia Puntch Nichols in their photography studio, first in the kitchen as a housekeeper and later in the studio. (portrayed by Barbara Huggins)
- **John Martin (b. 1877, d. 1970)** African American reared in Alto. He and his wife moved to Jacksonville in 1910. He was self-employed, collected rubbish in the city. Later, John operated one of the first “service cars”, as taxis were known at the time. (portrayed by George Martin)
- **Soon I Will Be Done, sung a cappella by Phyllis Johnson**
- **Virginia Gray Mayfield (b. 1923, d. 2013)** graduated Fred Douglass High School. Attended Butler College in Tyler. Received Bachelor of Arts Degree from Jarvis Christian College in 1949. Taught Sunday School at Sweet Union Baptist Church in Jacksonville. (portrayed by Ginger Johnson)
- **Women Tomato Packers** Recognizing not only women who packed tomatoes but the families who built and operated the sheds, those who made the crates, baskets and the lugs. Names such as Braly, Armstrong, Mendoza, Long, Aber, Haberle, Box, Slover-Newton, Peacock and Dublin are just a few that come to mind.(portrayed by Kim Felt)
- **Eunice Sanborn (b. 1895 or 96, d. 2011)** in 2007, was listed in the Guinness Book of Records as the oldest living person in the world. Eunice and her second husband Wesley Garrett, along with C.J. Barbier, purchased nine acres of a peach orchard from John Wesley Love which became the site of the county’s only cement lined Olympic size swimming pool (Love’s Lookout) (portrayed by Janie Barber)

***I’ll Fly Away*** sung by crowd and led by Mike Kellogg and Lykins Family

**History of Early Burials and Old City Cemetery:** During the early settlement of the area, there were burials and cemeteries in many locations, but as years passed and land owners changed, many have disappeared. Historians of the past wrote that the City Cemetery was used as a burial site for Anglo pioneers in the 1840s and some of the arrivals had migrated west with slaves. In 2022, no readable marked graves were found of anyone who might have lived and died in slavery. The City Cemetery was also referred to as Alexander Cemetery. The land on which the first cemetery was located consisted of five acres donated by Carnes Alexander and his father-in-law Frederick E. Becton. In the 1920’s, old timers who were interviewed couldn’t agree on who the first burial was. Among the first burials identified were: Samuel Odle, John Crunk, Miss Ellen Giffen, a man named Arrington, and a five year old granddaughter of Dr. Glidewell.

**Out of town guests from Cedar Hill Cemetery in Rusk: Viola Dickinson (b. 1881, d. 1971)** studied piano at Juilliard in New York City and was a traveling piano teacher in the early 1900s. (portrayed by Betty Marcontell)

**Sarah Summers (b. 1854, d. 1925)** Sarah’s husband, James, was a businessman in Rusk. Together they lived in the beautiful Victorian house in downtown Rusk and raised five children. (portrayed by Joanne Hart)

**Jacksonville Guest from Old City Cemetery: Minnie Pearl Lattimore Childs (b. 1884, d. 1974)** mother of Margia Childs of Marja Brassiere Company. (portrayed by Patsy Lassiter).

## A Walk Through History



Volunteers portraying Jacksonville pioneers in the Walk Through History program Oct. 16 included (Front row, left to right:) Ginger Johnson George Martin, Nancy Nesselhauf, Barbara Hughhins as Lula Seaton Hughhins, Kim Felt, Deborah Burkett, Janie Barber, Sam Hopkins, (Back row) Antony Baker and Jamie Dorsey, Betty Miller and Shelley Cleaver, Andy Calcote, John Ross, and Roy Cavazoz Jr.

**Flu Epidemic of 1919**  
**by Deborah Burkett**  
 (talk given as part of the Walk through History, Old City Cemetery  
 Jacksonville, Texas October 16, 2022)

I'm **Frances Gaynelle Bailey Bone** and my story begins in Georgia. I was born in 1895. I had big blue eyes and curly hair and two brothers. We lived on a farm. My mother, Rachel Bailey died when I was only 9 ½ years old. It altered my life – I began to keep house for my father and two brothers. Father took me out of school. When I was 16, I married a man who was much older and in poor health. Due to the flu epidemic he soon died, as did our infant son. World War I was in full swing and the flu killed so many. About 50 million died world wide—within months more people died of the flu than had died from any other illness in history.

I wanted to become a nurse and also pursue my education. I went to Augusta, Georgia, and worked as a nurses' aid at Old University Hospital. During WW I, because there was a need for nurses the requirement's for entry into nursing school were relaxed.

Even though I had no high school diploma, I enrolled as a nursing student at Greenwood Hospital in Greenwood, South Carolina. There I met Miss Baumberger who was Superintendent of Nurses. I studied; worked very hard and on June 8, 1919, I received my RN Degree. This is the dress I wore at my graduation, such a happy day! Miss Baumberger said I was one of her finest students.

After graduation, I went to work at a College in Kansas, was the school nurse and in the 1920 college yearbook the caption beneath my picture read—"Georgia Sunshine".

When Miss Baumberger came to Jacksonville to be Superintendent of the Cherokee Sanitarium she asked me to join her. I said "yes". The Cherokee Sanitarium later known as Nan Travis Hospital had been organized by Drs. J. N. Bone, F. A. Fuller and J. M. Travis.

Dr. J. N.--"John" Bone was a widower—his wife had died in the flu epidemic of 1919...just as my husband and son had. In 1919, due to all of the deaths in Jacksonville related to the flu, they opened up a new section in the Old City Cemetery—John purchased his Bone family plot then... and a Bone relative, Dolph McKee, planted magnolia trees in the cemetery...

John—Dr. Bone was attracted to this young nurse, named Gaynell, everyone soon called me Nell. We married Sept. 29, 1921 at the First Presbyterian Church of Jacksonville. On our honeymoon we sailed from Galveston and went to New York by ship. Then we came home by train. I became interested in civic and community affairs. With some of my friends—Mrs. Will Fuller, Mrs. W.T. McKinney, Mrs. John A. Beall and Mrs. G.W. Gibson, we organized a new study club with some of the younger women in town. It would be known as the Wednesday Study Club. I was the first president. I also did special duty nursing, sold life insurance. At one point I was president of Joe Wright PTA... I loved opera, listened to radio broadcast on Saturday afternoons. About 1940, I bought a flower business from Mrs. Gillum and operated a flower shop for several years. Often I would get in the car, drive to the family farm in Mt. Selman, carry water from the creek to water my gladiolas there—used them in my shop. They are my favorite flower!!

I loved all of my children. Many of you may know my daughter, Dr. Mary Alice Bone. I think she became a very talented and caring physician. Sad to say, I passed away when she was but a young girl at about the same age I was when my mother died in Georgia. In 1944, on the day I was buried here in the Old City Cemetery, the entire hillside of that section of the cemetery was covered in blue bonnets..."



## Mrs. Grace Warnick Lynch Letter

1805 Ruby Road  
Irving, TX 75060  
July 4, 1982

Cherokee Co. Genealogical Society  
P.O. Box 1332  
Jacksonville, TX 75766

Dear Friends:

Enclosed are some items which you may or may not wish to use as you see fit.

My Mother, Vivian Cox Warnick, attended Alexander College back in the early 20's when the school included two years of high school and two years of Junior College work. Now the school is known as Lou Morris Jr. College, as it was when I attended it, during the mid 50's.

The "Cancer Remedy" was given to me a number of years ago by my Aunt, Eva Warnick Lindemood,



**Mrs. Grace Warnick Lynch Letter**

And as best as I can recall - she said it had been in the family for years. I do not find a Dr. Rudd listed in Cherokee Co., but do find A. E. B. Simpson near some of my family (the Wallaces and Iowans) on the 1860 census. I do not know his connection with the family, if any, but found the "remedy" of interest.

The "Tree Talk" is eagerly awaited each month and the census records, marriage records and the cemetery records have been of terrific help to me. Keep up the good work.

Sincerely,  
Grace Warnick Lynch  
Mrs. Grace Warnick Lynch



## E. B. Simpson on Dr. Rudd Original Cancer Remedy

### E. B. Simpson on Dr. Rudd ORIGINAL Cancer Remedy

"The Remedy is to apply the Killing plaster made as follows take EQUAL parts of Blood Root AN galangal root add sufficient chloride of zinc to make a salve

Compound as follows by rubbing together without adding liquid of any kind

Take a thin clothe the size of the affected part spread on it salve to the thickness of a case knife blade & apply this made on the cancer

Remove AN apply another of the kind in 2-4 hours

Which all so let remain 2-4 then remove permanently AN apply the healing salve

Compound as follows English Rosin 3 table spoonfuls Bees waxe 3 moutton suit and lard 2 Brithish oil AN oil spike 2

Melt the lard Rosin AN Bees waxe



**E. B. Simpson on Dr. Rudd Original Cancer Remedy**

separately and pour together when about  
milk warm

Add the British oil or oil spike and stir  
together thoroughly as before stated

When the killing plaster is removed

This healing plaster should be applied  
and continued until the cancer is re-  
moved and same healed

The time usually to remove a cancer under  
the foregoing treatment is from 8 to  
15 days

The patient should take following tonic  
during the treatment

Beginning with the use of the healing salve  
fluid extract queens delight 2 ounces  
pok root 2  
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Make a solution

Dose 1 teas spoonful 3 times a day  
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