

UP THE CREEK

Hacker's Creek Newsletter

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Have You Visited a Library Lately?

Given the ease of research today, why should we visit archives and libraries?

Not all records have been digitized or indexed. There are many secrets hidden in the archives that could help us find more about our ancestors. They may even help break through that brick wall.

Repositories collect, protect, house, maintain and make available documents of our collective past. We can help support our libraries by showing up and using their physical resources. Without our involvement we are in danger of losing the wonderful resource that bind us together. Visit and renew your relationship with your favorite library today.

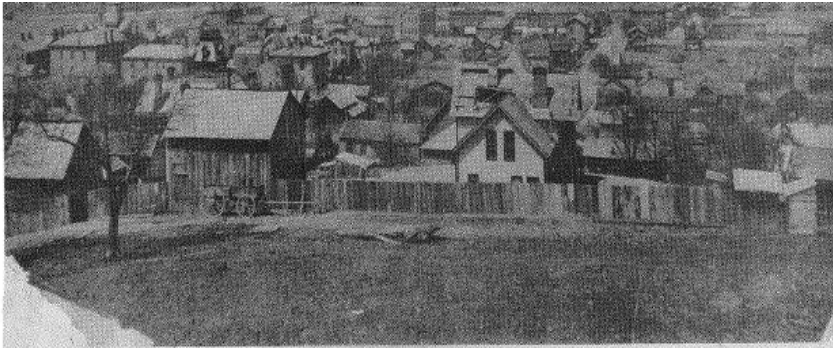
“Family isn’t something that’s supposed to be static, or set. People marry in, divorce out. They’re born, they die. It’s always evolving, turning into something else.” - Sarah Dessen



Hacker's Creek Pioneer Descendants Library in Horner, WV

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Weston in Year 1890

This 1890 photograph of Weston was given to a former century families who lived in Parkersburg as well as Weston
 Prohibitionist tract printed in Parkersburg in the late 1880's.
 "The Hinderachs are only one of many of the nineteenth century families who lived in Parkersburg as well as Weston
 at one time or another," Dr. Allen writes. "Two more prominent ones were those of Christian Nelly and Johnson
 and Mrs. John C. Altman II of Parkersburg as Dr. Allen was

Weston in 1890

“Uncle Tandy”

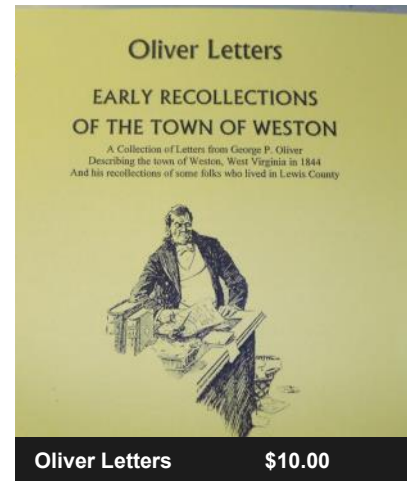
And now we will notice a very peculiar and somewhat amusing character in the personage of Tandy Sprouse and his five sons, “Uncle Tandy”, as he was known and called, moved to this county somewhere between the year 1840 and 1844, from Albemarle County, VA., and settled on the waters of Rush Run, in Lewis County. He was what you might call a regular Tuckyhoe. He was well advanced in life when he came to this county: was a great worker and exercised the most complete control over his sons of an man in this county after they were all grown and married, keeping them all or pretty much all of them together around him. He was a great tobacco raiser. And I am under the impression that he was one of the first men in the county that cultivated the weed to any extent. The old man and his boys made considerable money by raising and shipping their tobacco. They were all great Democrats, never missing an election. On the morning of an election you would see the old man come walking into town with his five sons following in Indian file, boasting of how he was going to lay the Whig candidates out. They were all very fond of the ardent and as soon as they arrived in town they regaled themselves and then the old man would begin to relate the story of the days of old Hickory Jackson, as he was a great admirer of old Hickory, and had voted for him every time he ran for President. In those days they voted on viviacie system. The Sheriff would cry the vote at the poles and sometimes : Uncle Tandy” would get a little too much befuddled to remember who the candidates, but never forgot Andrew Jackson, and if they were voting for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, member of Congress, state Senator or Legislator, Tandy would come to the polls. The sheriff would cry out, Tandy Sprouse who do you vote for Governor? Andrew Jackson, Who for Lieutenat Governor, Andrew Jackson. And he would vote for Andrew Jackson clear through for all the offices. Notwithstanding the whole family were rather ignorant and illiterate they were a very strong heart and industrious set of men, and while they owned no land of their own they cleared out a vast quantity of land for other men, thereby helping to develop a d improve the country, and the old man, aside from his drinking a little too much when he come to town, was what might be called a good citizen, honest, paying all is debts and attending strictly to his own business, and ready and willing to extend a helping hand.

Oliver Letters

Early Recollections of the Town of Weston

A collection of letters from George P. Oliver. Describing the town of Weston, WV in 1844, and his recollections of some folks who lived in Lewis County. This book was compiled and Indexed by Linda B. Meyers and published by Hacker’s Creek Pioneer Descendants. The book sales in the library for \$10.00 a copy.

The story “Uncle Tandy” is a copied selection from the Oliver Letters.



STORIES TO BE TOLD !

We have many unidentified photos at the library. We are always excited when we find the history and story of the pictures, we then document the find. It is sad that so many vintage family photos are a mystery. We should make a conscious effort to list names and dates on the back of our family photos, so the next generation can connect.

We find that many families have no interest in their family history. If you know someone who has a family collection and don't want it, then please tell them to donate it to a history repository like Hacker's Creek Pioneer Descendants.



Mystery Photo

Who is the little boy?

This picture was posted to our Face Book page. I was so touched when I came across the photo and wondered what the story was. Some clues were seen in the photo. Could someone recognize the cemetery? Was the sign the little boy held readable? Could one date it by the boys clothing?

The post went out and within 2 hours we had the story.

The little boy's name was William Roy Cross, born December 16, 1913 in Junior, Barbour Co. He died in August 2001. His Mother was Nettie Christina Lowther Cross Rymer and his Father was William Robert Cross, died July, 1914 and buried in the McWhorther Cemetery.

William Roy lived with his grandparents in Lewis County, Sylvester H. and Sarah Lowther. His mother remarried to a Mr. Rymer and had 6 more children. Roy married his wife Mary Woofter on December 25, 1937.

As you see with this information we could do more research and find out more about William Roy Cross and his life.

Is William Roy Cross in your family line?

Genealogy Class 101

How to use Google Search

Try this Quick Google Search Method with Your surnames' 'you could have some wonderful results.

Here is an example of both the OLD Way and the New Way to do a specific kind of search

** Old Way: +cook+GED2HTML

++New Way: "cook" "GED2HTML"

Why Care about this kind of search?

When you do a search on Google by typing in key words, it will give you more info than you need. Example: Do a search on Cook, then you will get results that include cooks, cook-book, cookies, etc. Get the idea?

If you do the search with quotation marks "cook" the search results would search only for the exact key word. This is a better search, but for us looking for the genealogy data then adding GED2HTML will give you genealogy data.

What is the GED thing all about? There is a software program that takes GEDCOM files (a genealogy file format) and converts them into HTML (the code for Web pages.) This is not used as much as before, but there is zillion web pages made with the GED2HTML software. You will want to use the following key words to do great searches. It is not necessary to add the state.

"ged2html" "your surname" state EX: "ged2html" "cook" WV

"ged4web" "your surname" state

"gedpage" "your surname" state

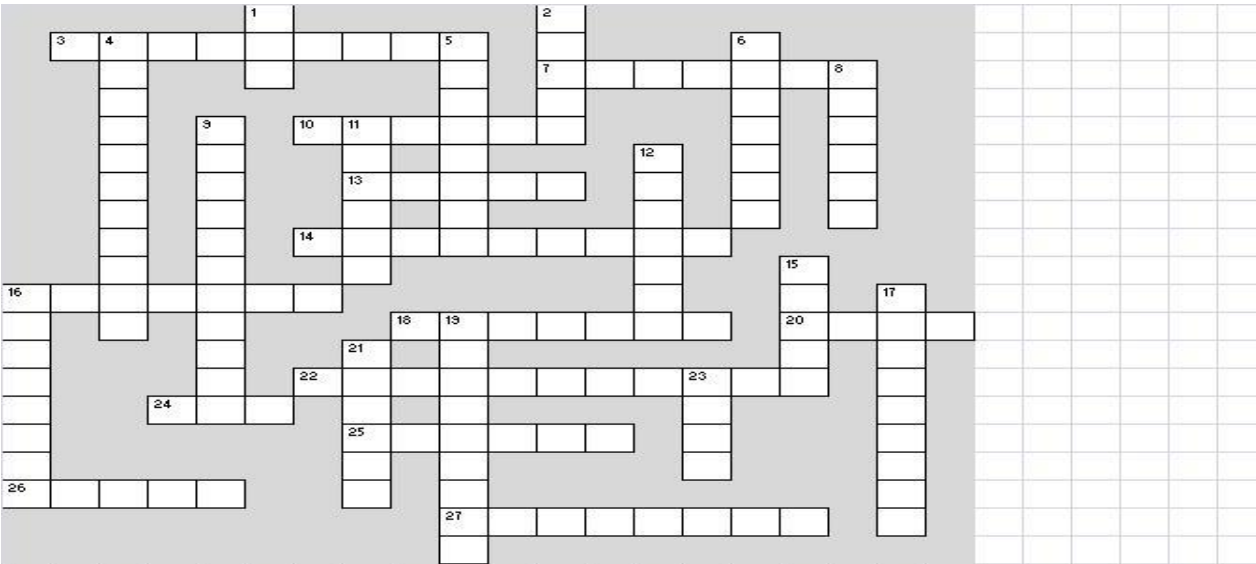
When you do Google Searches for your ancestors with common surnames, you should always put their names in quotation marks. This is important tip that will really help you. Otherwise, you will go mad looking for all the Smiths in the world. EX: "john smith" "wherever county" state.

Trivia and Games

The answer of last Trivia question from June Newsletter.

What town is dynamite? It is know as " a living memorial of WWI". It was named after an explosive chemical.

Answer: Nitro, WV



Down

1. An acronym for a national library where some records might be stored.
2. The beginning of one's life.
4. When one arrives within a new country.
5. Normally this occurs before the birth of a child.
6. Records that aren't looked at very often might be kept at an _____.
8. Google is a _____ engine that might help you in your genealogy pursuits.
9. When one leaves the old country.
11. Many of our ancestors may stay _____ for a long time, until you find that elusive record.
12. Hidden Genealogy _____ is a website containing indexes to records that might not be indexed elsewhere.
15. Probate records and _____ might be in the county courthouse. You can also check the state library or archives.
16. A 5 generation _____ chart will contain 16 great great grandparents.
17. A stubborn genealogy problem which seems like it might never be solved.
19. Within five generations, everyone has exactly 30 of these.
21. Taken every ten years in the USA and is one of the most useful records for genealogy around.
23. An acronym for where one might order civil war pension records from.

Across

3. A lot of old records are stroed on this type of medium.
7. In pursuit of undertaking one's genealogy, you will need to uncover a lot of _____.
10. Baptism and marriage dates can often be found on _____ records.
13. The last event in one's life. However, paperwork and records may be found many years after this event.
14. The study of one's ancestors and descendants.
16. After one's death a _____ file may be found at the county courthouse and/or state library or archive.
18. Although not always containing the birth date, this type of record may be the first record available on someone.
20. Beware of some family _____. It can help identify leads. But these must be proved with valid research.
22. Children, grandchildren, great grandchildren,...
24. Relatively new, this type of research compares the genes of various groups of individuals.
25. Opposite of brother
26. Instead of potentially waiting weeks or more like the 1900 or earlier, this is almost instantaneous communication.
27. One's _____ to another is 1st cousins once removed if one's grandfather is the other one's great grandfather and one is not a niece or a nephew of the other and one is not a son or a daughter of the other.

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FYI:

Please remember to renew your membership.

The newest Journal is online and has been mailed to those who request mailing.

Library will be closed for the Holidays starting December 24th and reopen January 4th, 2016.

EVENTS:

Christmas Fenton Vase Raffle will be held until Dec. 18th. Please go to www.hackerscreek.com and click on Sleeth Trading Post and under raffles view info about vase and to purchase tickets.

Christmas Store and Bake Sale will be held on Dec. 18th and 19th from 10AM-3PM . We will offer homemade cakes, cookies, pies and candy for sell. The Christmas Store will have books, ornaments, t-shirts and DVD's for sell.

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