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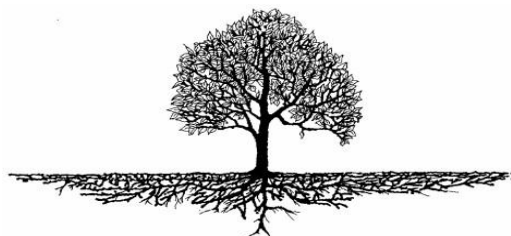
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# CENTENNIAL SEEKERS



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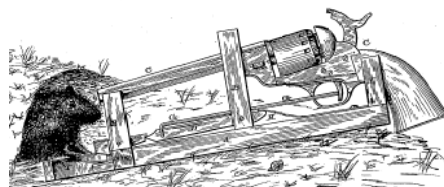
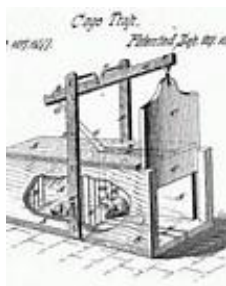
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## DID YOU KNOW?

Have you ever said “I wish I had invented that”?  
Google has an awesome website where you might  
find that one of your ancestors actually did invent  
something and acquired a patent for the product.

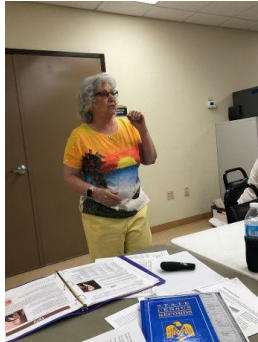
Check out this website and be amazed at how many  
patents there are for everyday things like a mouse  
trap or a fly swatter. Here is the website to take you  
on a new research track: <http://patents.google.com>

Check out “**around the world**” on the website to see if  
your ancestors invented something before they came  
to the United States.



I am aware that burglar-alarms of various 60  
kinds have been used, and which have been  
connected to windows and doors in such a  
manner that the opening of the window or door  
causes a pressure upon a lever which dis-  
charges a fire-arm; but in no case have the 65  
parts been arranged and combined as here  
shown and described.

## **COMING TO OUR CENSUS**



**Sam Giordano**, Director of Library and Education at the Clark County Genealogy Society gave us a great presentation on **CENSUS RECORDS**. Here is a listing she provided of some sites to assist you with your census research.

<https://www.census.gov/library/publications/1907/dec/heads-of-families.html>

<https://www.archives.gov/research/census/1790-1840.html>

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1890\\_United\\_States\\_Census](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1890_United_States_Census)

<https://www.raogk.org/census-records/mortality-schedule/>

<https://usa.ipums.org/usa/voliii/tEnumForm.shtml>

Dick Eastman posted that we can “**Find a 2020 US Census Complete Count Committee in Your Community.**” He said “Would you like to improve the accuracy of the 2020 US census? If you do, I am sure future genealogists will appreciate your efforts.” Details may be found in the US Census Bureau’s web site: <http://bit.ly/2WNZu9S>.

## **THE SOUNDIX SYSTEM**

When I first began doing research, especially in the old **microfilm census records** I became aware of the Soundex System for coding and indexing names. This was particularly helpful in doing my Chicago research.

There is a thorough internet article from *GenealogyInTime Magazine* called “What is Soundex and How Does Soundex Work?” that was published at [genealogyintime.com](http://genealogyintime.com). Page 2 gives “Soundex Coding Rules” with a listing of what the numbers and individual letters stand for as well as a great Phonetic Description of why certain letters are grouped together. Page 3 gives the “Soundex Exceptions”.....the old “there are exceptions to every rule”. Finally, on page 4 there are explanations of “Limitations to Soundex Coding”.

Another source of great information is [freepages.rootsweb.com](http://freepages.rootsweb.com). Their article is called “Soundex Coding – How it Works – How to Determine it”. This article defines the Algorithm, Coding Guide, How to Calculate a Soundex Code by Hand, Soundex Limitations, Uses for the Soundex Code and Soundex Cards Abbreviations.

Both articles are very helpful, especially when you see surname spelling variations that show up when you are researching. If you code both names, they usually have the same Soundex Code. All in all, it gives you another way to think of names that can be or are your family members even if the names are spelled entirely differently.

Another article regarding finding the unknown people in the early **census** records (1790 to 1840) is found at this website: [https://ancestralfindings.com/finding-unnamed-ancestors-on-the-1790-1840-censuses/?fbclid=IwAR2vaJQgli1-yTpEkDMyb7nBHwIWR\\_uCHKr5l0IZYVLFu2cg8Mv1bwJr4y0](https://ancestralfindings.com/finding-unnamed-ancestors-on-the-1790-1840-censuses/?fbclid=IwAR2vaJQgli1-yTpEkDMyb7nBHwIWR_uCHKr5l0IZYVLFu2cg8Mv1bwJr4y0)

Since I am on a **census** theme this month, I am enclosing information regarding state census records that I got from



**A Complete List of State Censuses** Andrew Koch December 13, 2018

<b>STATE</b>	<b>STATE AND TERRITORIAL CENSUS YEARS</b>
Alabama	1816, 1818, 1820–21, 1823, 1850, 1855, 1866, 1907
Alaska	1870, 1878–79, 1881, 1885, 1887, 1890–95, 1904–07, 1914, 1917
Arizona	1866–67, 1869, 1872, 1874, 1876, 1880, 1882
Arkansas	1823, 1829, 1865, 1911
California	1788, 1790, 1796–98, 1816, 1836, 1844, 1852
Colorado	1860, 1866, 1885
Connecticut	None known
Delaware	1782
District of Columbia	1803, 1867, 1878
Florida	1825, 1855, 1866–68, 1875, 1885, 1895, 1935, 1945
Georgia	1798–1800, 1827, 1834, 1838, 1845, 1852–53, 1859, 1865, 1879
Hawaii	1866, 1878, 1890, 1896
Idaho	None known
Illinois	1810, 1818, 1820, 1825, 1830, 1835, 1840, 1845, 1855, 1865
Indiana	1807, 1853, 1857, 1866, 1871, 1877, 1883, 1889, 1901, 1907, 1913, 1919, 1925, 1931, 1937
Iowa	1836, 1838, 1844, 1846, 1847, 1849, 1851–52, 1854, 1856, 1859, 1885, 1895, 1905, 1915, 1925
Kansas	1855, 1865, 1875, 1885, 1895, 1905, 1915, 1925
Kentucky	None known
Louisiana	None known (though several colonial censuses from 1699–1796)
Maine	1837
Maryland	1776, 1778

Massachusetts	1855, 1865
Michigan	1837, 1845, 1854, 1864, 1874, 1884, 1894
Minnesota	1849, 1853, 1855, 1857, 1865, 1875, 1885, 1895, 1905
Mississippi	1801, 1805, 1808–1810, 1816, 1818, 1820, 1822–25, 1830, 1833, 1837, 1840–41, 1845, 1850, 1853, 1860, 1866
Missouri	1817, 1819, 1840, 1844, 1852, 1856, 1860, 1864, 1876, 1880
Montana	None known
Nebraska	1854–56, 1865, 1869, 1885
Nevada	1860–61, 1862–63, 1875
New Hampshire	None known
New Jersey	1855, 1865, 1875, 1885, 1895, 1905, 1915
New Mexico	1790, 1823, 1845, 1885
New York	1790, 1825, 1835, 1845, 1855, 1865, 1875, 1892, 1905, 1915, 1925
North Carolina	1784–87
North Dakota	1885, 1915, 1925
Ohio	None known
Oklahoma	1890, 1907
Oregon	1842–46, 1849–50, 1853–59, 1865, 1870, 1875, 1885, 1895, 1905
Pennsylvania	None known
Rhode Island	1774, 1777, 1782, 1865, 1875, 1885, 1905, 1915, 1925, 1935
South Carolina	1829, 1839, 1869, 1875
South Dakota	1885, 1895, 1905, 1915, 1925, 1935, 1945
Tennessee	1891
Texas	1829–1836
Utah	1851, 1856
Vermont	None known
Virginia	1782–86
Washington	1856–58, 1860, 1871, 1877–81, 1883, 1885, 1887, 1889, 1892, 1898
West Virginia	None known
Wisconsin	1836, 1838, 1842, 1846, 1847, 1855, 1865, 1875, 1885, 1895, 1905
Wyoming	1869

This table originally appeared in the Family Tree Factbook.

## **LOCAL HISTORY**

When I was doing research for the Woodlawn Cemetery Project I made an interesting discovery. There are 31 people buried at Woodlawn who have schools named after them. With school just around the corner again I thought I would give you some information about some of our community schools.

Betteann and I worked with Dr. Alene Jones at the **Kermit R. Booker School**. We taught the 5<sup>th</sup> graders some genealogy basics. Mr. Booker was a teacher as well as

someone very involved in scouting. He received the Silver Beaver Award for his work with scouts.

**Frank Kim** was a policeman lieutenant and watch commander for 31 years. He was the first to advocate for helicopter usage in search and rescue operations.

**Ira J. Earl** was a business man, school trustee and county commissioner. He eventually owned the Las Vegas Coal and Ice Company. Every year he furnished all the churches in Las Vegas with their yearly heating coal for free.

**Rose Warren** established the 1<sup>st</sup> Maternity Hospital in Las Vegas. She was famed for helping hungry and homeless people. She was the mother of **Ernest J. May** who also has a school named after him. He was the 1<sup>st</sup> policeman killed in the line of duty.

**John F. Mendoza** was a Clark County Judge. He was a running back and captain of the Las Vegas High School 1944 "Dream Team" which was inducted into the Southern Nevada Sports Hall of Fame.

**Claude and Stella Parson** were both teachers and active community leaders. Stella was the first black woman to graduate from a Nevada College in Reno in 1952.

**Cyril Wengert** was a banker, a public utility manager and a civic leader. He was the founder of the local Community Chest.

**John F. Miller** was a hotel owner who built Hotel Nevada which is now the Golden Gate Hotel and Casino. He was a banker and president of the Southern Nevada Bank. The Hotel address was 1 Fremont Street. They received the first telephone in Las Vegas, Phone Number 2.

**Dr. Roy Martin** came to town to work in the Bullfrog Mining District at Rhyolite. Another doctor in town wanted to leave and offered to sell his practice and equipment to Dr. Martin for \$10.00 which was the price of a ticket to Los Angeles. Having no money, Dr. Martin walked around town asking who the fastest runner in town was. He challenged the runner to a race which had a purse of \$10.00. Dr. Martin had not revealed that he was a sprinter in college. He won the race, bought the practice, was appointed the chief surgeon for the Las Vegas and Tonapah Railroad and was a great local doctor for the next 38 years.

## Update: Libraries without Librarians

[Dick Eastman](#) · [June 12, 2019](#) · [Books, Current Affairs](#) · [27 Comments](#)    **NOTE:** *This article contains personal opinions and beliefs.*

I have been reading the comments in my earlier "Libraries without Librarians" article at <https://blog.eogn.com/2019/06/10/libraries-without-librarians/> and I believe that many of



those newsletter readers have ignored a couple of basic facts when posting comments. I am moved to remind everyone of the facts that I believe are relevant. Several people have expressed reservations about homeless people, vagrants, and other unwanted individuals having access to the unmanned library and by possible criminal activities by these individuals. Indeed, on first reading, that also was my concern. However, let's look at the facts.

As stated in the earlier article:

“Self-service libraries are common in Europe”

“In North America, it's still a novelty. Just five library systems — eight libraries total — have implemented it since 2016.”

“Officials at Bibliotheca, the leading company in North America that sells the required software, counts more than 750 libraries globally as users.”

The fact is that more than 750 self-service libraries are already using this business model today and are doing so successfully.

These 750+ self-service libraries obviously are not plagued with homeless people, vagrants, or criminals roaming the halls and the book stacks. In fact, while I don't have proof, I suspect today's self-service libraries have **FEWER** problems with such individuals than do today's fully-staffed libraries.

The reason is simple: While these self-service libraries may not have employees working in the building 24 hours a day, they also **ARE NOT OPEN ACCESS** libraries! In short, in self-service libraries the doors are locked. Homeless people, vagrants, and would-be criminals are locked out of the building! The method of controlling access is simple.

First of all, the earlier article states:

“The setup relies on technology — via a central management system — **to let people enter the library**, check out items and log onto computers — all while video monitors record their actions.”

Next, to unlock the front door of a self-service library, even for a few seconds, requires a library card. While not mentioned in the above article, that library card also serves as a “key card.” In order to unlock the door, one has to use swipe that card or insert it into a slot in the door. Then the identification number of that library/key card is verified by the “central management system.”

This is the same technology that has been in use in almost all hotels and also in many ATM machines for years and this controlled access has proven to be very reliable. I believe that hotels with key card access are generally safer than today's public libraries where anyone can walk in unchallenged whenever the library is open.



In order to obtain a library/key card, the self-service library patron must first fill out a registration form of some sort. We can assume that the process requires a permanent address of some sort (easily verified AUTOMATICALLY online within a few seconds by computer-to-computer access to any of today's credit reporting agencies) and perhaps by requiring the number of a credit card (in order to pay future fines in case of a late return of the borrowed materials) or by a scanned image of a driver's license or by whatever form of proof the library decides upon using. The typical homeless person, vagrant, or criminal either will not have this information or else will not be willing to record this information in a computer database.

Next, every time a library/access card is used, the identification number of that card and the date/time of its use is recorded, along with a recorded videotape of person's activities entering, leaving, or wandering through the library. If any homeless person, vagrant, or criminal is found to ever access the library fraudulently by using a stolen card or by providing falsified information during registration, that card's privileges can be deleted within seconds by library personnel. The person who gains unauthorized access one time will then not have access again.

Don't forget that "... to let people enter the library, check out items and log onto computers — all while video monitors record their actions." That means that the person using a stolen or falsified library/access card can easily be identified and that library/access card's access privileges can be removed immediately, if necessary.

In short, I believe use of technology in an "unmanned library" will result in **FEWER** problems than is found in today's "open access libraries" where **ANYONE** may walk in at any time the library is open.

Will it be a perfect solution? No. Nothing is ever perfect. But I do believe it will result in **FEWER problems** than is found in today's open access libraries. I will settle for an improvement, even if it isn't perfect.

In order to increase my own security, **I would PREFER** to use a library where access to the building is controlled by the use of high-tech access methods with access restricted to only identified individuals.



## **WRITER'S GROUP ASSIGNMENTS**

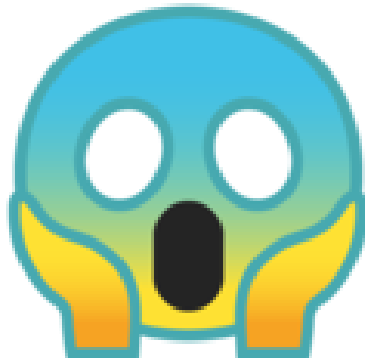
**July:** Write about the pets you have had in your lifetime. Which were your favorites? Did they do tricks? What were your happiest memories of the pets? What were the saddest memories? Do you have any pets at this time?

**August:** Military. Find something new about one of your relatives regarding their military experience or just tell their military service story. Consider putting the information on perhaps Fold 3 so that their story will never be lost.

**September:** The fall usually means back to school. Have you ever taken a class or many classes that were not grades K-12 or college? What were they? Do you have any stories to tell regarding the “extra learning” that you have done? Have any of your other family members taken any classes with you?



September is our “Back To School” month. How many of us are willing to bring in all of our report cards??? Maybe that should be an assignment..



## **July 17th is World Emoji Day**

Emojis were first used in Japan in the late 1990s on mobile phones. They are fun to use. As a result, their popularity and use has grown exponentially. Today, you can't imagine a world without emojis.



In the last few years, major corporations have gotten into the act, creating an enormous assortment of emojis for us to use for almost any emotion or occasion. Retail outlets have also joined the fun. You can find emojis on all sorts of products, from stationery to T-shirts, to pillows.

Emojis have their roots in the yellow smiley of the 1960s and 1970s. Harvey Ball, a commercial artist from Worcester, Massachusetts created the smiley face in 1963.

Harvey's smiley also gained world-wide popularity.



## **August 20<sup>th</sup> – World Mosquito Day**

Bring out the mosquito netting. World Mosquito Day is today. It commemorates the day when the relationship between mosquitos and malaria was identified. Malaria is an infectious disease caused by parasitic protozoans.

On this day in 1897, the link between mosquitos and the transmission of malaria was discovered by British doctor Sir Ronald Ross. Ross also identified that the female Anopheles mosquito transmits the disease. In 1902, Ross was awarded the Nobel Prize in Physiology and Medicine for his discovery.

About 1,500 cases of malaria are diagnosed in the United States each year. The vast majority of these cases are travelers and immigrants entering the U.S. from parts of the world where malaria is common.

The London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine celebrates World Mosquito Day annually, since the 1930s.

**At least two million people die each year from malaria and other mosquito born diseases including the Zika virus.**



## **September 28<sup>th</sup> – Ask A Stupid Question Day**

Today is Ask a Stupid Question Day. It's your opportunity to speak up, and to ask all those questions you were afraid to ask. All those questions that you thought were too stupid or dumb to ask, have been piling up all year long. Today is the day to unload them. C'mon give it a try. Nobody will laugh.....we hope.

This may be a stupid questions, but I will ask it anyway.....Teachers say there is no such thing as a stupid question. Or, that no question is too stupid to ask. If this is true, then why do your classmates laugh when you ask a question? Yes, kids can be cruel. But, if you have a question, there's no better place to ask, than in the classroom.

Today's Quote: "Stupid is as stupid does" Forrest Gump

Movie of the Day: "Dumb or Dumber"

Other "Stupid" stuff:

Ask a stupid (duh!)

Seen on a T-shirt "I'm with Stupid". Well if that's true, how smart are you?

## **FUTURE CONFERENCES AND EVENTS**

**14 – 17 August, 2019** – Northwest Genealogy Conference, Arlington, Washington. [nwgc@stillygen.org](mailto:nwgc@stillygen.org). **Thomas MacEntee will be one of the speakers!**

21 – 24 August 2019 – Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS) National Conference in **Washington D.C.** Think National Archives, Library of Congress and the DAR Library!

10 – 12 October 2019 – Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society – College Park, MD – [www.aahgs.org](http://www.aahgs.org)

24 – 26 October 2019 – RootsTech London – London, England – [www.rootstech.org/london](http://www.rootstech.org/london)

20 – 23 May **2020** – NGS Conference – Echo of our Ancestors – **SALT LAKE CITY, UT!!**

2 – 5 September **2020** – Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS) National Conference in Kansas City, MO. **Think Mid-Continent Library!**

## **LOCAL SOCIETY MEETINGS AND EVENTS**

Do not forget that there are many classes offered every week at our local FamilySearch Library – 509 S. 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Las Vegas.

## **MEETING LOCATIONS**

**Centennial Las Vegas Genealogy Society** – 6670 W. Cheyenne Avenue, Las Vegas  
6:00 pm – 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month. Contact Linda Rains at [clvgspres@gmail.com](mailto:clvgspres@gmail.com)

**Centennial Las Vegas Genealogy Society Writer's/Beginners Group** – Will be held prior to our general meeting. – 5:00 pm – Contact Lynne Bogner at 702-677-2280 or [bogners2@gmail.com](mailto:bogners2@gmail.com) for any questions regarding the early meeting. There is also an occasional German interest meeting held after our general meeting.

**Centennial Las Vegas Genealogy Society** – DNA Workshop – This is a new group that is working on improving our DNA knowledge and also working on a case study. We are meeting at 6670 W. Cheyenne Avenue, Las Vegas - 6:00 on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month in Room 1 & 2. For information, contact Linda Rains at [clvgspres@gmail.com](mailto:clvgspres@gmail.com)

**Clark County Nevada Genealogical Society** – Paseo Verde Library, 280 W. Green Valley Parkway, Henderson. 10:00 am. Contact Sam Giordano at her e-mail: [samespin@hotmail.com](mailto:samespin@hotmail.com)

Note: Check out the listing of Lunch and Learn and Educational Programs listed on their website [www.ccngs.org](http://www.ccngs.org).

**Nevada African American Genealogy Society** –at the FamilySearch Library – 509 S. 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Las Vegas. Contact Darell White at [cwbydwdarell@yahoo.com](mailto:cwbydwdarell@yahoo.com).

**Jewish Genealogy Society of Southern Nevada** – Sahara West Library, 9600 W. Sahara Avenue, Las Vegas. Contact [info@jgssn.org](mailto:info@jgssn.org).

**African American Research Study Group** – FamilySearch Library, 509 S. 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Las Vegas. Contact Bill White [aarsglv@gmail.com](mailto:aarsglv@gmail.com).

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Illinois State Genealogical Society - <http://www.ilgensoc.org/cpage.php?pt=227>

Southern California Genealogical Society - <http://www.scgsgenealogy.com/webinar/jes-index.html>

Legacy Family Tree Webinars - <http://www.familytreewebinars.com/>

Note: Legacy now presents some webinars presented by the Board for Certification of Genealogists.

The Wisconsin State Genealogy Society, FamilySearch, Ancestry and You Tube also offer free webinars.

Also check out the following: <http://blog.geneawebinars.com/p/calendar.html>

Cyndi's List - Education (Genealogical) - Online Courses& Webinars  
Family Tree (Magazine) University  
National Institute for Genealogical Studies  
VIGR - Virtual Institute of Genealogical Research

## **RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES – NEAR AND FAR – 2019**

### **CHECK OUT THE NEAT GERMAN TOUR!**

#### **NEHGS Summer Institute for Advanced Researchers: Preserving Your Family History Papers**

July 10 – July 13, 2019  
Boston, MA

You've been researching your family history for years and have most likely amassed binders, notebooks, and boxes of genealogical notes, family papers, photographs, letters, and more. Learn how to organize and preserve these important family heirlooms for generations to come. In this four-day, intensive program, the archival experts at New England Historic Genealogical Society and the Jewish Heritage Center at NEHGS will provide hands-on help to assess your collection for preservation needs, store and care for photographs and albums, manage your born-digital files, scan and digitize your materials, organize your collection, and even create a finding aid. Participants will transport a portion of their collection to NEHGS for processing during the program. Open to current NEHGS members only. Register by April 1, 2019 to receive special discounts. [Register today.](#)

#### **Come Home to New England**

August 6 – August 10, 2019  
Boston, MA

NEHGS has been collecting information about families in America for nearly 175 years. Our collections are international in scope and contain significant materials that cover the United States, especially New England and New York, as well as

Canada and Europe. This research program provides the opportunity for you to “come home” to Boston and work closely with NEHGS staff to advance your research. Register by May 1, 2019 to receive special discounts. [Register today.](#)

### **Fall Research Getaway**

October 17 – October 19, 2019  
Boston, MA

Autumn in Boston is about bright foliage, pumpkin pie, and research! Discover the millions of genealogical resources at the NEHGS library and maximize your results with help from our experts. Register by July 1, 2019 to receive special discounts. [Register today.](#)

### **Salt Lake City Research Tour**

November 3 – November 10, 2019  
Salt Lake City, Utah

Navigate the resources of the world’s largest genealogy library with the help of experts from American Ancestors. With nearly 40 years of experience leading researchers of all levels to Salt Lake City, you will benefit from special orientations and tutorials, one-on-one consultations, informative lectures, and more. Register by August 1, 2019 to receive special discounts. [Register today.](#)

**New England Historic Genealogical Society**  
99 - 101 Newbury St. | Boston, MA | 02116, USA  
888 - 296 - 3447

<https://familytreetours.com/2019-tours/irishheritagetour2019/>

#### **Northern Ireland Research Tour 2019**

Still searching for your Irish ancestors? Join us as we explore our roots in Northern Ireland. We meet with research specialists who will assist in furthering your research through classes and help in research facilities. We also will experience how our ancestors lived by visiting a living history and famine museum.

<https://familytreetours.com/2019-tours/central-germany-2019/>

#### **Central Germany Tours 2019 September 14-24, 2019**

This tour will explore a new region for us, a region full of history and fairytales. Places that are so very important to German history, Lutherland, the Motherland of the Reformation and on the lighter side into Hessen along the Brother’s Grimm Fairytale road. Join us for this extraordinary journey into Central Germany. If you have ancestral places in Thuringia, Saxony and eastern Hessen this is your chance!

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**WOULDN'T IT BE FUN TO GO TO GERMANY TO  
RESEARCH???**

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Tuscany Tour 2019

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<http://www.celticquest.net/>

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