

Finding Your Family Roots

*is like assembling
a giant jigsaw puzzle...*

but with a few missing pieces!

*While you can never finish the puzzle,
you can open many doors
to new adventures.*

The fun is in the hunt!

Class Web Site: <http://copland.udel.edu/~tdoherty>

Some Ground Rules

- ◆ With 24 on wait list please email tdoherty@udel.edu if you can't attend
 - Your spot that week will go to wait listed
- ◆ Confirm email on class list (pink page)
 - Answer ID#, wireless and absence questions
 - We'll keep you informed, usually weekly
 - You may need to adjust filter to receive email from tdoherty@udel.edu and tdoherty@magpage.com

More Ground Rules

- ◆ Wireless laptop: get UD access at Arsht
 - <http://copland.udel.edu/~tdoherty/WirelessConnection-UDNetwork.pdf>
- ◆ Anyone need UDeNet ID#? – I have form
- ◆ If handouts, find on table as you enter
- ◆ Most all handouts posted on class web site
 - preliminary before class; final after
 - click on date of lecture
- ◆ No one knows everything,
so please help others when you can
- ◆ Today's objective: find ancestor or you in census

The Class Website

<http://copland.udel.edu/~tdoherty>

- ◆ Many useful genealogical links
- ◆ Left frame has class schedule, handout, slides
 - click on class date for lecture slides
- ◆ Center panel has many useful links
 - examples of types of data/images available
- ◆ Right frame has access to databases
 - UD Library
 - Delaware Public Library, Godfrey Library
 - Google, MapQuest, Newsgroups
 - Delaware Genealogical Society + web links
 - pdf995 download

Caveat: Most genealogy info is not on Web – now just tip of iceberg

Free Genealogical Databases From Home

- ◆ **University of Delaware**
 - follow directions below *Blue Hen* on class site
 - or <http://www.lib.udel.edu> (click blue banner)
 - free to UD students (that's you)
 - you need UDelNetID# and password to access
 - signup in ALL office or on forms
- ◆ **Delaware Public Libraries**
 - http://www.state.lib.de.us/Collection_Development/Electronic_Resources/DeIAWARE
 - free to Delaware residents (\$ for others)
 - need library card # & password to access
 - get at any Delaware library
- ◆ **More:** see <http://copland.udel.edu/~tdoherty>

Always

- ◆ **Record your source of information.**
 - web site URL and date and its source
- ◆ **Was it an image of the original record?**
 - record made at time of event
or soon thereafter
 - if not, confirm with original record.
- ◆ **Confirm the original record itself.**
 - was it made with competent hands?
 - did anyone want to hide the truth?

The Decennial Census

- ◆ **Very revealing snapshot in time**
 - find every ancestor in every year ... and their siblings & kids! - misspelling is common
- ◆ **Easy to get, easy to use: ancestry UD**
 - use HeritageQuest (DE library) with ancestry
- ◆ **all U.S. 1790-1930 on-line** (ancestry/ProQuest)
 - also certain state, county, country census and
- ◆ **England, Wales 1841-1901** (1841 Scot index)
 - includes Isle of Man, Channel Islands
- ◆ **Canada: 1851, 1901, 1906 (part), 1911**
 - 1871 Ontario index (ancestry.com)

Census: Ancestry vs. ProQuest

Free access:	student udel email	DE Pub. library
US Indexed:	every-name	not 1830-50,1880
Every-name:	1790-1930	1790-1820
Searching:	Soundex or not*	no Soundex
Searching:	wildcards:*,?* exact spelling only	
Transcribing:	unique!!	unique!!
Page numbers:	variable	often ProQuest's
Printing:	slow	fast
e-Formats:	.gif**	pdf files
Usual Image Quality:	lower	higher
*Soundex overrides wildcard; no wildcard allowed in 1 st three letters		
**can print to pdf file with Adobe Acrobat; also http://www.pdf995.com		