Vintage Postcards

After putting together several sites of vintage postcards, I wondered how many other non-commercial vintage postcard galleries there were. There are quite a few, but finding them requires wading through many auction and dealer pages, special interest sites, and foreign countries to find those elusive US town and state collections.

I have begun building a directory of links to those sites by state and special interest. These sites are of private collectors, libraries, historical societies, town governments, USGenWeb, and ALHN.

It's been a fascinating project - sort of like a vintage trip across America! I don't want to miss any great vintage postcard sites, or have any states underrepresented. If any of your county coordinators have a vintage postcard page - or know of someone who has - would you please ask them to contact me? Thank you so much, and please "drop by" when you can!

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New London County CTGenWeb Jonesborough TNGenWeb

Free Uncertified Illinois Death Certificates

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Did you know that you can get free uncertified death certificates from the state of IL from 1916-1949 by emailing **secryan@ccgate.sos.state.il.us**? Just send the person's name and if you know the approximate date and county via email with your address and they will send the information within 3 weeks for free.

The 4th of July

Many of you may have seen this essay which circulated last summer. But for those of you who did not...I thought it bore repeating.

Have you ever wondered what happened to the 56 men who signed the Declaration of Independence? Five signers were captured by the British as traitors, and tortured before they died. Twelve had their homes ransacked and burned. Two lost their sons serving in the Revolutionary Army, another had two sons captured. Nine of the 56 fought and died from wounds or hardships of the Revolutionary War. They signed and they pledged their lives, their fortunes, and their sacred honor. What kind of men were they?

Twenty-four were lawyers and jurists. Eleven were merchants, nine were farmers and large plantation owners; men of means, well educated, but they signed the Declaration of Independence knowing full well that the penalty would be death if they were captured.

Carter Braxton of Virginia, a wealthy planter and trader, saw his ships swept from the seas by the British Navy. He sold his home and properties to pay his debts, and died in rags. Thomas

McKeam was so hounded by the British that he was forced to move his family almost constantly. He served in the Congress without pay, and his family was kept in hiding. His possessions were taken from him, and poverty was his reward.

Vandals or soldiers looted the properties of Dillery, Hall, Clymer, Walton, Gwinnett, Heyward, Ruttledge, and Middleton.

At the battle of Yorktown, Thomas Nelson, Jr., noted that the British General Cornwallis had taken the Nelson home for his headquarters. He quietly urged General George Washington to open fire. The home was destroyed, and Nelson died bankrupt. Francis Lewis had his home and properties destroyed. The enemy jailed his wife, and she died within a few months.

John Hart was driven from his wife's bedside as she was dying. Their 13 children fled for their lives. His fields and his gristmill were laid to waste. For more than a year he lived in forests and caves, returning home to find his wife dead and his children vanished. A few weeks later he died from exhaustion and a broken heart. Norris and Livingston suffered similar fates.

Such were the stories and sacrifices of the American Revolution. These were not wild eyed, rabble-rousing ruffians. They were soft-spoken men of means and education. They had security, but they valued liberty more. Standing tall, straight, and unwavering, they pledged: "For the support of this declaration, with firm reliance on the protection of the divine providence, we mutually pledge to each other, our lives, our fortunes, and our sacred honor."

They gave you and me a free and independent America. The history books never told you a lot of what happened in the Revolutionary War. We didn't just fight the British. We were British subjects and we fought our own government!

Some of us take these liberties so much for granted ... We shouldn't.

Photographer Benjamin Franklin Wait

In the course of looking for photographs for the Women to Remember site, I often peruse the listings at eBay. Several months back they had quite a few beautiful and moving photographs taken by Benjamin Franklin Wait. Most of them were photos of North American Indians. These photos were selling for at least \$75.00 each so I was not able to purchase one for the website...but I'd like very much to know more about Benjamin Franklin and to add his line to the database. If anyone can help with this special research request...please **let me know**.

Photographer Charles Burlingame Waite

Lori McVey writes, "You all have a great site and I hope you can help me. I am writing my dissertation and one of the American photographers in it is C | harles | B | urlingame | Waite, b. 1861, Akron, Ohio. He died | ? | California, circa 1929. He married Alice Marie | ? | and had two daughters, Helen and Mary. He had a brother murdered in Mexico April 6, 1912, whose name was only given in a Mexican newspaper as H. Waite. Can you tell me anything about this man? I kept hitting dead ends on your other site. C.B. Waite is supposed to be a descendant of the Massachusetts Waites, but that's been of no help so far."

Ohio Death Certificate Index

If you have an ancestor who died in Ohio between 1913-1944 you need to check out this site. It has a searchable database of the death certificates that were issued during this period. A quick way to see if an ancestor's death certificate exists in Ohio...before you request it.

1880 Defendant, Delinguent, and Defective Schedules

This article was originally a post to the KYUNION-L list by Judy White.

If you take a look at an 1880 census, you'll see a category "Health" that's between the "Occupation" category and the "Nativity" category. The "Health" category covers columns 15-20 and inquires into the following: (15) "temporary disability" - nature of; (16) "blind"; (17) "deaf and dumb"; (18) "idiotic"; (19) "insane"; (20) "maimed, crippled, bedridden, or otherwise disabled." This isn't too unusual. There were even earlier censuses that asked questions of this nature.

What apparently was unusual about the 1880 census, is that once these questions were answered in the affirmative, THEN the census taker was to ask a second set of questions related to the affirmative answer and record this set of answers on a separate set of schedules. So there is this additional set of schedules sometimes known as the "Dependent, Defective, & Delinquent."

Now, how to get these schedules. Here there's some confusion. The e-mail that I received stated, "Where do we find the DDD Schedules? For Kentucky, the originals (2 volumes) are located in the Duke University Library Manuscript Collection in Durham, NC. But, they have been microfilmed by the National Archives and Kentucky's are Microform Record M1528. So that film can be ordered and viewed."

However, I believe that's just part of the story. Yesterday, at the Anchorage branch of the National Archives, I looked at their catalog re M1528. M1528 actually consists of either 20+ or 40+ rolls of film (just can't remember which — when I was looking at the catalog, I was mistakenly under the impression that M1528 was NOT what I wanted). Moreover, in the catalog M1528 was described as being non population schedules for the period 1850-1880. My impression is that the rolls of film in M1528 were not limited to Kentucky. Unfortunately, the catalog did not list the individual rolls of film and describe them. The Anchorage NARA is getting a listing for me but this should take at least a few days. I suspect that there are lots of years missing for lots of states. Anyway, when I learn more about the contents of M1528 I'll pass it on.

Andersonville Prison

I received Kevin's offer of help with research at Andersonville and though some of you could use the help there.

Hi Researchers. My name is Kevin Frye and I live in Butler, Georgia, a small town 40 miles from the infamous Andersonville Civil War Prison Camp. I do volunteer lookups at no charge as well as take pictures (for a very modest fee) for fellow researchers. You can contact me and request any information I might be able to help with. My email address is **Frye@gnat.net**.

Andersonville, or Camp Sumter as it was officially known, was one of the largest of many established prison camps during the American Civil War. It was built early in 1864 after Confederate officials decided to move the large number of Federal prisoners kept in and around Richmond, Virginia, to a place of greater security and a more abundant food supply. During the 14 months the prison existed, more than 45,000 Union Solders were confined here. Of these, almost 13,000 died from disease, poor sanitation, malnutrition, overcrowding, or exposure to the elements.

A Generous Offer For Help With Military Look-ups

from Tom Ledoux

John Paquet, of Tucson, Arizona, has kindly offered to do World War I service look-ups as indicated below. He is willing to do it for the entire state. By the way, I have a similar volume on World War II, and will do the same.

Also, in case you didn't know it, Vermont in the Civil War is online.

Finally, I am 98% finished (i.e. close, but not quite) with putting everything from the 1892 Revised Roster into a Microsoft Access database. I'm also expecting about 24,000 Civil War veterans burials in Vermont, in a spreadsheet (which will convert to the Access file), courtesy of the Vermont Commandery of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Floyd Blodgett, Commander, from files obtained from the Vermont Adjutant General's Office. Records contain all CW veterans buried in Vermont, many from adjoining states, and even a few Confederates.

Revised Roster of Vermont Volunteers in the War of the Rebellion. Adjutant General's Office, Montpelier, 1892. To **request a look-up** please provide name, and town if a fairly common name.

Roster of Vermont-Men and Women in the Military and Naval Service of the United States and Allies in the World War 1917-1919. To **request a look-up** lease provide name and branch of service, and town if a fairly common name.

Roster of Vermonters In Uniformed Service of the United States During The Second World War, 1941-1945. To **request a look-up** lease provide name and branch of service, and town if a fairly common name.

1890 Census Reconstruction Project

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As you know, 99% of the 1890 census was destroyed by fire. There is a project to publish a book listing **all** U.S. residents living at that time. This information will be furnished by descendants of those people. There is no charge for listing your ancestors and when permission is granted, contributors will be listed with the proper reference to their ancestor entries. Submission deadline is April 2000. The data will be published and sold at cost with copies going to the Library of Congress, Maine State Library, Maine State Historical Society and the Church of Jesus Christ of

Latter-day Saints Library.

For submitting your ancestor's vital stats please use the following format:

Head of Household-full name, age, date of birth, place of birth (include town-county-state), sex, race (W=white, C=colored, I=Indian, A=Asian).

Spouse-full name, maiden name in (---)'s, age, date of birth, sex, race.

Information source-list family Bible, family genealogy book, etc. Notes are optional. Some notes will be added, e.g., 1st or 2nd wife, children by which wife, if they died or got married in 1890 or additional surname spellings.

NOTE: person who died before 1890 or was born after 1890 will be omitted from the book.

Send your submission via Email to: **chinaDoll2@netscape.net** or mail to: Angela M. Foster, P.O. Box 2551, Waterville, ME 04903.

National Archive Records Help

Michael Anderson would like to be of assistance to anyone who would like to obtain photocopies of documents pertaining to their family Genealogy (i.e., U.S. Censuses, Passenger Ship Lists, etc.) or Civil War ancestors (Military Pensions, Service Records, Prison Records and more).

Could you be so kind as to keep my Website available for your reference or referral to anyone who may be interested? If you wish to do so, I would be most appreciative if you would put a link on your to my **Website**.

MHI Photographic Database

Do you have an ancestor who fought in the Civil War? There might just be a photograph of him in this database. It's worth a look! This database is a catalog of **American Civil War (ACW)** photographs from the **Special Collections Branch** of MHI. Usually, patrons are searching for ancestors, researching particular ACW regiments, or looking for examples of items worn or used by soldiers of the period. Ultimately, this database will reflect the full range of MHI's photographic collection, ranging from the periods of the Mexican War in the 1840s to recent operations such as those in Somalia and Bosnia. As their digitization efforts expand, they hope to provide links to scanned images through this database. Not only have they catalogued these photos...they also will sell you a copy. Complete instructions are on the site.

A quick search of the database turned up these Wait(e) soldiers.

- Capt. Charles Waite, 27th Regt., Michigan Vol. Inf.
- 2nd Lt. George Waite Co. B, 96th Regt., Ill. Vol. Inf.
- Corp. Ira S. Waite, Co. I, 7th Regt., VT Vol. Inf.
- Pvt. Henry O. Waite, Co. C, 4th Regt., Vermont Vol. Infantry
- Pvt. Morris B. Waite, Co. D, 11th Regt., Minn. Vol. Infantry

Have You Heard of The Waite Chair Company?

I received an email from **Connie Ervie** requesting information on a child's highchair that converts to a stroller. This little chair has been in her family for years and is marked only, "Waite Chair Company". She's hoping someone can help her identify where this company was/is located. Please contact her directly or let us know and we'll post the answer for everyone to share.