

"Even as the cell is the unit of the organic body, so the family is the unit of society." | Ruth Nanda Anshen

## Genealogy Today

This site is nicely setup and has quite a few great articles relating to genealogy. I especially liked their section on serendipity. It's worth a visit!

**Who Were The Parents of Samuel M. Waite?** | contact Stephen P. Waite with any information.

### First Generation

Samuel M. Waite was born in 1839/1840 in Pennsylvania. He died on 11 Jan 1912. He was buried in GAR plot, Odd Fellows Cemetery, Danville, Montour, PA. Samuel was counted in a census in 1870 in Danville, Montour, PA. He was counted in a census in 1880 in Danville, Montour, PA. He does not appear in the 1860 or 1900 censuses of Danville. (STEP) "I assume from his occupation that he worked in the iron works at Danville. One thing I am wondering is whether he has any connection to the Welsh immigrants who came to this area in the 1800's to work in the iron works and in the iron or coal mines. I don't know anything about Samuel's siblings. I think he had 12 children, but I think my grandfather was the only son to have children." (STEP) Samuel married Anna E. Runyon. Her father was born in Scotland and her mother Pennsylvania. (STEP)

**Who Were The Parents of Carlisle Waite?** | please contact Pauline Waite Harper

**Carlisle Waite** was born in 1819 in Upper Canada. He died on 25 Dec 1869 in Pultneyville, Williamson, NY. Carlisle married<sup>5</sup> **Mary Cooper** in 1858. Mary was born in Williamson, Wayne, NY. They had **Richard Waite** was born in 1859.

**Who Were The Parents of Martha Waite?** | please contact Bud Miller with any information.

**Martha Waite** was born in 1661/1677. Martha married **John Smith** . "John Smith as a young man (probably early 20s), was one of the defenders of Londonderry when it was under siege by King James II for 105 days, starting on April 18, 1689. After the successful defense of Londonderry John came to America later that same year and shortly after his arrival he married Martha Wait. John and Martha founded a colony. The town in the center was named for them - Smithtown. We have stated that John married Martha shortly after his arrival. Shortly is a very vague term, but if it was within two years that would be in 1691. Considering that we are in New England and not Virginia, for arguments sake, I am going to say that Martha was at least 14 yrs old. Meaning that she would have been born at least by 1677. The only Smithtown that I can find was in New York and it was founded by Richard Smith before our John came from Ireland. The only other towns or communities that I could find with Smith in their name are all in Massachusetts. These are all unofficial names - there was Smith Crossing Station, Smith's Ferry, (2) Smithvilles and one Smiths. All except for Smith's Ferry were in western Worcester County. Smith's Ferry was located where the present town of Holyoke, in Hampton County is today. If by any chance John married a Martha Wait that was older than him, I would think we could restrict her to only a few years older. If she was about 30 she would have been born about 1661. This gives us a window of

Martha being born between 1661-1677. And as I stated earlier Martha, Benjamin's daughter is the only Martha that I could find that would fit in there. She was born 1673." (BUDMIL) They had **Josiah Smith** who married **Abigail**.