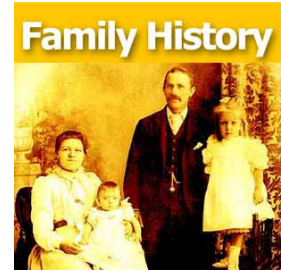


Family History: Genealogy Made Easy

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Welcome to this step-by-step series for beginning genealogists—and more experienced ones who want to brush up or learn something new. I first ran this series in 2008-09. So many people have asked about it, I'm bringing it back in weekly segments.

Episode 37: Your Genealogy Questions Answered, Part 2

Today's show is all about YOU! Just like Episode 36, this episode is made up completely of your emailed questions, comments and stories. Joining me on today's episode to read your emails again is my daughter, Lacey Cooke.

Question: Is there a way to get iTunes to download all of the podcasts instead of just the most recent ones? I thought I saw it on the website somewhere but now I can't find it. –Melanie Armstrong

Answer: (updated since the podcast originally aired): In your LIBRARY, on the line where the Genealogy Gems Podcast is listed click the **GET ALL** button. This will download all the past episodes to iTunes on your computer, to be listened to at your convenience. Downloading will take several minutes. You will see a little spinning orange circle to the left of the podcast name as it downloads. Once the episode is downloaded the text will turn from gray to black. Double click the episode and it will start to play after a moment or two.

Question: I use the [free forms at Family Tree Magazine's website](http://familytreemagazine.com/FreeForms) (<http://familytreemagazine.com/FreeForms>). Do you keep your old [Family Group Sheets](http://www.familytreeuniversity.com/free-forms-family-group-sheet/) (<http://www.familytreeuniversity.com/free-forms-family-group-sheet/>) on file so you can double check them later? - Rolling Butler

Answer: I love all those free forms at Family Tree Magazine! I'll tell you the truth, I decided to throw mine away. I transcribed everything into my database and threw away the paper. Everything is properly sourced there, which is key. I avoid duplicating efforts, which has happened to me when looking back at old paper forms. Third, if I need to double-check things, I do it from the actual sources—the birth or death certificate or interview—not from the family group sheet. The only exception is if the group sheet is part of a brick wall case file that I haven't solved yet. I keep them until the case is solved, and then the cited answers go into the database.

Question: How do you know when records/indices are complete? I have been looking for immigration records for my family and cannot find them. They came in large family groups, so you would think it would be easy to find. Even though the name (Mauge) is often misspelled (Mange, Mauga) I cannot find them at [Ellis Island](http://www.ellisland.org) (www.ellisland.org), [Steve Morse's website](http://www.stevemorse.org) (<http://www.stevemorse.org>), [The National Archives](http://www.archives.gov) (www.archives.gov) or through my [Ancestry.com](http://www.ancestry.com) (www.ancestry.com) subscription. The years span 1880 through 1885. Are these immigration records complete or am I looking in the wrong place? -Anne-Marie Eischen

Answer: There are many factors involved here, and many avenues to pursue. Based on other information you told me about your family's arrival, here are some ideas:

- The Family History Library has microfilm of the Baltimore Passenger lists between 1920 and 1897 – and it lists the main author as the U.S. Dept of the Treasury, Bureau of Customs. Passengers are indexed by soundex and the soundex code for Mauge would be M200. But considering the variations you have found of the name you'll want to arm yourself with the soundex codes for all those variations. The M200 names are on Film # 417302 which I found in the Family History Library catalog and familysearch.org and you can just go to your closes Family History Center and order the film for under \$10 and they will send it to you to view at the center.
- Check the at the Immigrant's Ships Transcribers Guild at <http://www.immigrantships.net/>
- Here's a great summary of Baltimore passenger lists by Joe Beine online at <http://www.genesearch.com/baltimore/quickguide.html>
- You will also find an index for Baltimore passenger lists between 1820 and 1897 at the Allen County Public Library in Fort Wayne, IN. <http://www.acpl.lib.in.us/>
- Look closely at your source for the port information, and see if you can locate any other verification of that. Maybe she actually arrived through another port.
- Usually I would tell you to check departure lists, but in this case, departure lists for Bremen for that time period are not available.
- Here's a great book recommendation for you: [Finding Your Chicago Ancestors by Grace DeMelle](http://www.amazon.com/Finding-Your-Chicago-Ancestors-Beginners/dp/1893121259/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1403609742&sr=8-1&keywords=finding+your+chicago+ancestors) (http://www.amazon.com/Finding-Your-Chicago-Ancestors-Beginners/dp/1893121259/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1403609742&sr=8-1&keywords=finding+your+chicago+ancestors)

Question: I wanted to share the results of my Google Alerts. My father had red hair and was called "Red" most of his life. So when I ask for "Red" Browning in my alerts, I have received information on the red Browning sweater (the Browning clothing line), a red Browning rifle case (they make guns) and recently the Cincinnati Reds Tom Browning went to jail (the Red's Browning...). Alas, nothing yet on my Dad! Another family name is Gorry - you can imagine what I got last Halloween! I do love the alerts though - and have added eBay alerts too, thanks to you. Keep encouraging us and thanks for the great tips! -Joan Ketterman

Answer: I'm not sure how much I can help with that one – keep playing with the “plus” and “minus” signs in your searches to refine what you're looking for. And I'm glad you're using those eBay alerts. Learn more about eBay alerts in [Genealogy Gems Podcast Episode 140](http://www.genealogygemspodcast.com/webpage/episode-140-a-blast-from-the-past-episodes-3-and-4) (<http://www.genealogygemspodcast.com/webpage/episode-140-a-blast-from-the-past-episodes-3-and-4>). *Note: Genealogy Gems Premium Members can learn more about Google Alerts in Premium Podcast Episode 28* (<http://lisalouisecooke.com/2012/04/premium-episode-28-google-alerts-gadget-family-history-charts/>).

Comment: On the podcast you recommended using [Google Books](http://books.google.com/) (<http://books.google.com/>). I have a "gem" for you....I have a link where the LDS church has archived loads of family history books: <http://www.familyhistoryarchive.byu.edu>. Follow the link and type in the surname of your choice. I have found some wonderful stories there about my ancestors. - Susan in West Palm Beach Florida

Note: The BYU Family History Archive she references has migrated into the Family History (Digital) Books collection at FamilySearch along with the digital book collections of other repositories/ They are now searchable at FamilySearch.org (https://books.familysearch.org/primo_library/libweb/action/search.do?vid=FHD_PUBLIC).

Question: This is just something that bugs me. WHICH is the correct pronunciation of Genealogy??? GEEN-e-alogy (with a long “e” at the beginning) or Gen-e-ology (with a short “e” at the beginning).

Answer: I’ve heard it both ways and I’ve pronounced it both ways. But when I went to Dictionary.com, they actually have an audio pronunciation and they say, GEEN-e-alogy, with a long “e” at the beginning. However you pronounce it, it’s a barrel of fun!

Question: How can I learn more about the Freedom of Information Act?

Answer: Listen to Genealogy Gems [Podcast Episode 20](http://genealogygemspodcast.com/index.php?post_id=238677) (http://genealogygemspodcast.com/index.php?post_id=238677) and [Episode 21](http://genealogygemspodcast.com/index.php?post_id=242330) (http://genealogygemspodcast.com/index.php?post_id=242330)
It's also covered in my book [Genealogy Gems Ultimate Research Strategies](http://lisalouisecooke.com/lisa-louise-cookes-store/?slug=product_info&products_id=35) (http://lisalouisecooke.com/lisa-louise-cookes-store/?slug=product_info&products_id=35).

Question: Hello, I just finished listening to the June Family Tree Magazine Podcast. <http://www.familytreemagazine.com/podcast>. I have been wanting to write to you for months now to ask you this question: Who is the musician playing the guitar music during the podcast? My husband is a big Chet Atkins fan and I thought it could be Chet but my husband says no just from listening to it. Can you please provide me with the musicians name? -Melissa Roberge

Listen to this episode to find out the answer!