

The Genealogy Gems Podcast

Episode #208

with Lisa Louise Cooke

In this episode:

- A free webinar!
- Great comments from you: An inspiring Google Books success story, how one listener gets her shy husband talking about his life story, and a listener's own version of the poem, "Where I'm From"
- The Archive Lady talks to us about historical scrapbooks at archives that may be packed with genealogy gems for us
- A genealogy hero who saved a life story
- Your first look at RootsTech 2018



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- [Newspaper Research Worksheet](#) from Lisa Louise Cooke
- [Genetic Genealogy: Here's What You Need to Know](#) from Your DNA Guide Diahn Southard



NEWS: FIRST LOOK AT ROOTSTECH 2018

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Going to RootsTech for the first time? Read this [RootsTech Q&A](#)



MAILBOX: PAT INTERVIEWS HER SHY HUSBAND

[“Remembering Dad”](#) video

Pat’s tip: When someone is shy about sharing life stories, interview them informally while traveling. Pat uses her iPad to transcribe his responses, then polishes it up when she gets home and transfers it to her own computer. “Eventually we will have enough to write the story of his life, with lots of pictures. And it's completely painless.”



MAILBOX: GOOGLE BOOKS SUCCESS STORY FROM KIM

[Click here](#) for another inspiring genealogy discovery using Google Books—with how-to tips and a free video preview of Lisa Louise Cooke’s Premium video tutorial, “Google Books: The Tool You Need Every Day”



MAILBOX: “WHERE I’M FROM” POEM SUBMISSION

[Genealogy Gems Podcast Episode 185](#): Learn more about the “Where I’m From” poetry project and hear a conversation with the original author, Kentucky poet laureate George Ella Lyon.

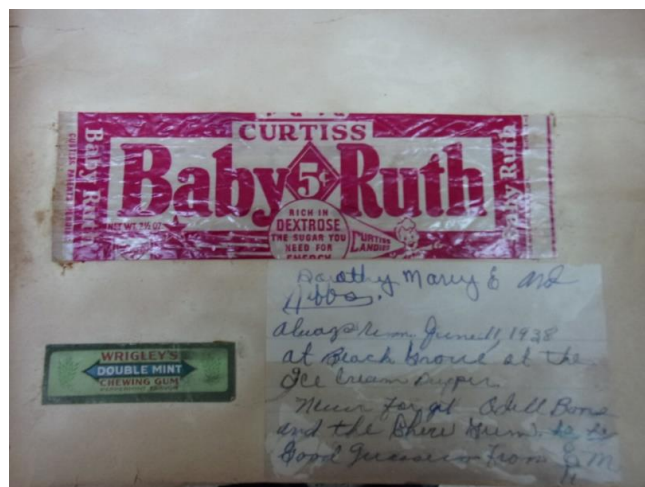
THE ARCHIVE LADY: HISTORICAL SCRAPBOOKS

Scrapbooks are one of my favorite record sources to do genealogy research in and to also process in the archives. There are all kinds of scrapbooks; each and every one is unique and one-of-a-kind. They were put together with love and the hope that what was saved and pasted onto those pages will be remembered.



The origins of scrapbooking is said to go back to the 15th century in England and it is still a hobby enjoyed by many today. Most archives, libraries, historical and genealogical societies have scrapbooks in their collections. They will most likely be found in the Manuscript Collection as part of a specifically named collection.

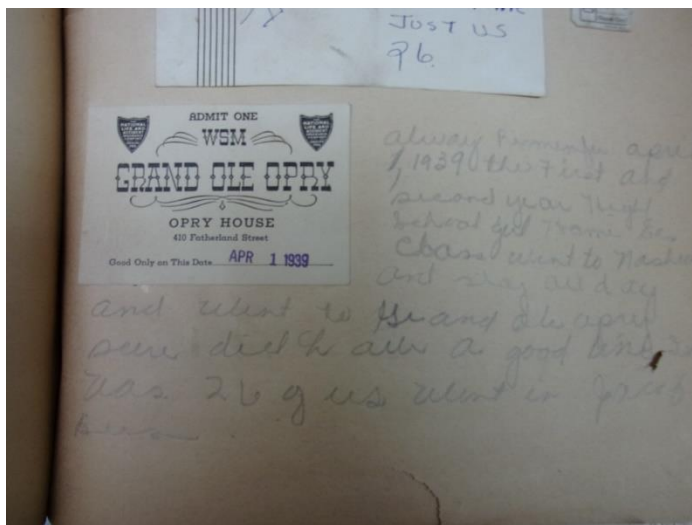
Scrapbooks contain all kinds of wonderful genealogical records, photographs and ephemera. There is even a scrapbook in the



Images courtesy of Melissa Barker and Houston County, TN Archives.

Houston County, Tennessee Archives that has candy bar wrappers pasted in it. This particular scrapbook is one of my absolute favorites. It was compiled and owned by Evelyn Ellis and dates to the 1930's and 1940's.

Among the normal newspaper clippings and event programs are interesting pieces such as a Baby Ruth candy bar wrapper with a handwritten note by Evelyn that reads "Always remember June 11, 1938 at Beach Grove at the Ice Cream Supper." There is also an original ticket pasted into the scrapbook from the Grand Ole Opry in Nashville, Tennessee where Evelyn Ellis visited and recorded her comments on April 1, 1939.



There are scrapbooks for just about any subject. Aside from personal scrapbooks, you can find war scrapbooks, obituary clipping scrapbooks and scrapbooks that collected and recorded local or national events. The obituaries found in scrapbooks could be a real find because sometimes they are the only pieces of the newspaper that survive and can be a treasure trove for any genealogist. Many scrapbooks contain one-of-a-kind documents, photographs and ephemera.



To find scrapbooks in an archive, ask the archivist if they have any scrapbooks in their records collections. Many times scrapbooks are housed with a particular manuscript collection and will be listed in the finding aid. Some archives have a collection of just scrapbooks that have been donated to them and can be easily accessed. Most scrapbooks will not be on research shelves and will be stored in back rooms at the archives and will have to be requested. You should also check the archives online catalog for any listings of scrapbooks before you jump in the car and drive to the archives.

I encourage all genealogists to check with the archive in the area where your ancestors were from and see if they have any scrapbooks in their archived records collections.

Scrapbooks are like time capsules: you don't know what will be found in them until you open them up.

BONUS CONTENT for Genealogy Gems App Users

If you're listening through the Genealogy Gems app, your bonus content for this episode is a PDF with tips for what to do if your own scrapbook gets wet. The [Genealogy Gems app is FREE in Google Play](#) and is only \$2.99 for [Windows, iPhone and iPad users](#).



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GEM: SAVING A LIFE STORY

Original story on SWVA Today: ["String of Pearls: Marion's Bob White Shares Family History Collection"](#) by Margaret Linford, Columnist

[Smyth County Public Library Local History webpage](#)

Genealogy Gems how-to resources to help you:

Video record a loved one telling their life stories

- [How to video record a fantastic family history interview](#)
- [How to create a family history video with Animoto](#)



Digitize and share your research and your own life story: [Interview with Larsen Digital in Genealogy Gems Podcast episode 183](#)

How to Start Blogging series in the free [Family History: Genealogy Made Easy podcast](#) (episodes 38-42) and this article: [3 Ways to Improve Your Genealogy Blog](#) Bob White.

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✓		Include cover and title pages, copyright, dedication, acknowledgement, preface pages
✓		Include table of contents
✓		Include free form text pages
✓		Customize your index format and number of columns
✓		Place index in reports

ROOTSMAGIC

Lisa Louise Cooke uses and recommends [RootsMagic](#) family history software. From within RootsMagic, you can search historical records on FamilySearch.org, Findmypast.com and MyHeritage.com. RootsMagic is now fully integrated with Ancestry.com: you can sync your RootsMagic trees with your Ancestry.com trees and search records on the site.



A BRILLIANT WAY TO “MEET” YOUR ANCESTOR

Your DNA Guide Diahan Southard shared this story from Christine:

“Friday night I brought out large cut out of my Grandmother, Christine Doering, sitting in an easy chair so it looks like she is talking with you, and I played a recording done in 1970's of her talking and giggling about coming to America in 1896 at the age of 9. For some they had never heard her voice before.”





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