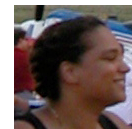


From: Brandy <brandy@abulsme.com>
Subject: **Re: New Deepest Relative**
Date: April 30, 2006 22:46:08 GMT+00:00
To: Samuel Minter <abulsme@abulsme.com>



And hopefully it won't end up that we are related, though we are at some point, I am sure,.

My mom: Leslie May Donaghy, born 11/17/1945, PA Married and divorced Ron Omeg before 1973. Divorced him, met my dad before it was final though...
My dad...I don't know what information I have on him, and whether it is valid. None of his family knows they all have different ideas.

I will find out what I can about my grandfather on my mom's side.

My grandmother and Great grand parents were born in England.
Emmigrated in about 1918.

Minter wrote:

I would *love* to try to do this on you as well!

The really hard core people who do this start running around to courthouses or paying to access databases and such, but absolutely everything I have gotten is either from my relatives, or just from searching google.

Here's how you start:

Send me as much information as you have about as many of your direct ancestors as you can.

The stuff that is good:

Full name (maiden name for women)
Full birthdate (day, month, year)
Location of birth
Date and location of marriage (if applicable)
Date and Location of death (if applicable)

Any other information you may have.

What I found for myself is that if I could manage to get back to the great grand-parents via the family stuff, I would start finding information online to connect those people going back. In some cases I could find my grandparents directly.

Basically, once you are dead, your name starts showing up in public records death records, that after a few years in turn find their way into online data bases. And the information in that sometimes has the names of the parents and other information... and then by the time you get back a few generations, you are talking about people who have had thousands of decendants, and all you need is for ONE of those people to have been interested, looked this stuyff up and put it on line, then you can piggyback on whatever work they did. For instance, last night (not related to the King thing, but a different line) I found a John B. Minter (minter55@earthlink.net) who spent a LPOT of time trying to find the earliest Minter in America. There *was* Minter on the Mayflower, but that Minter was apperantly not related to us.

Buty he did a lot of work and put this:

<http://genforum.genealogy.com/sc/messages/18490.html>

and this:

<http://worldconnect.rootsweb.com/cgi-bin/igm.cgi?op=GET&db=jbminter1&id=I0277>

Between those two if you follow all the links and get through you find dozens and dozens of my ancestors. And even find out which boat they took across the Atlantic and on what date. I found them by searching one of the names I had found earlier, then confirmed it was a match up by comparing dates and location as well as name and sometimes the names of kids and parents. Enough facts match up and you can be pretty sure and connect the tree found to the tree you have.

The first one to cross the pod was Richard Mintrene (which became Minter when he crossed the Atlantic) who crossed the Atlantic in a ship called the "Margaret and John" in 1620 at Age 40. I can't find anything on his parents or what went on in Europe before. He appears off the boat in 1620, then starts showing up in Census records and such.

John B. Minter spends quite a bit of time talking about a "missing link" around 1650 where he is pretty sure two minters are father and son, but can't prove it. (I have assumed that they are in my chart... that isn't in the "longest line" I sent yesterday though.)

Anyway...

Basically it starts with: "Write down as much information as you can possibly remember on your own or get from living relatives who might remember or know this information." Then I start doing google searches on all that information to see if I can find matches connecting it to anything older.

It looks like both sides of my family had many branches that came to this continent very early... The most recent one I've found so far came over in the mid-1800's, and almost all other branches I've been able to trace back far enough to get off this continent migrated in the 1600's. Which means too things... There are lots of records in the US as opposed to Europe... which I think makes it easier, but that's hard to tell.

Send me all you have, and I'll start trying to see if I can find any of your people. The more info you can send the better. I'm guessing I will at least need info going back to your grandparents to have a good shot. If you know about any great-grandparents even better.

I need to start documenting where I find all this info though. I have just been noting the Name, birth and death dates and where they were born... but there is often a lot more info, and often it is hard to find these things again once you have seen it once. So now I have this big huge chart, but if asked to prove any of it I'd have to do the research all over again.

I have to start with the footnotes.

That takes longer though...

On Apr 30, 2006, at 14:14, Brandy wrote:

So how do you get all that info?
Can you find out who my people are?

Samuel Minter wrote:

Spent some more time today doing genealogical internet searches using a bunch of the information Grandmother sent me in December as a starting point. Before today the deepest chain I'd found was on my Mother's side, but I found a deeper one today on the other side. There are still some paths I haven't yet researched, but as of now, this is the farthest back I have gotten...

- (0) Samuel Antonio Minter (1971-) of Wisconsin son of
- (1) William Maynard Minter (1942-) of District of Columbia son of
- (2) David Ramseur Minter (1912-1991) of Arizona son of
- (3) William Ramseur Minter (1873-1943) of South Carolina son of
- (4) John Russell Minter (1833-1913) of [Not sure where he was born] son of
- (5) William Carter Minter (1797-1871) of South Carolina son of

- (6) Jane Gillham (1773-1834) of South Carolina daughter of
- (7) Thomas Newton Gillham Jr (1749-1828) of Virginia son of
- (8) Margaret Gay Campbell (1725-1776) of Virginia daughter of
- (9) William Campbell (????-1754) of Ireland son of
- (10) John Campbell (1674-1741) of Ireland son of
- (11) Duncan Campbell (1645-????) of Ireland son of
- (12) Andrew Campbell (1609-????) of Ireland son of
- (13) Hugh Capmbell (1579-????) of Ireland son of
- (14) Patrick Campbell (1544-????) of Ireland son of
- (15) Duncan Campbell (1504-????) of Scotland son of
- (16) Dugal Campbell (1474-????) of Scotland

Dugal lived in Inverary, Argyll, Scotland and was born in the ancestry home of the Clan Campbell.

Anyway, that's the longest chain I've got so far. Although there are a bunch of other interesting chains too on both sides of the family. And I still have yet to Google many of the names on my chart.

Plus, I still haven't even crack the info that was sent to me today on the ancestors going back from my mother's father's mother (Mary Evelyn VanTilbergh). But it is late, so that will have to wait for another day...

Oh no...

I decided to look for five more minutes, and I found Dugal's father... verified it because the same source shows Duncan as on of his kids, and Patrick as on of his kids, and Hugh as one of his kids... Some of the years are a bit off from the ones I had before (by just a few years) but four generations of names matching up would be a pretty big coincidence. Just checking more generations, they are still matching. Hugh has a son Andrew... who has a son Duncan... who has a son John... who has a son William... who is reported to have married Sarah Gay, who is who I have him marrying from my earlier research. Definitely the same Dugal Campbell.

And I am checking so hard to be sure because this listing has not only Dugal's father, but father's upon fathers going back another 600 years or so... It will take me many hours to incorporate this information....

This is a huge 2 Megabyte text file listing all the descendants of Duncan, Lord of Mormaer (born around the year 950). Myself, Cynthia, Dad and Grandmother are all apparently descended from this guy. This file gets me the direct line from us all the way Back to Duncan.

Duncan was the father of Crinan of Dunkeld, who has a Wikipedia entry...

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Crínán_of_Dunkeld

Also of course Crinan of Dunkeld was married to the daughter of King Malcom II of Scotland (and the children of Crinan we are descended from are her children)... so she is in our line too, and I am pretty sure I'll probably be able to go back even further in that line...

Yup, with just a few clicks on Wikipedia I can go back 150 more years to this guy:

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kenneth_I_of_Scotland

Born around 800 AD, later to become the first King of Scotland... and a direct verifiable ancestor.

Filling out the years between 800 and 1474 AD in my spreadsheet I'm using to track all this will have to wait until at least tomorrow... it will take me many hours. And it is very late. Time for bed.

Hmmm... I'll Blog this first...

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