

# Who's Your People

An Introduction to Genealogical Research



# Getting Started

- Get organized
- Read about genealogy
- Connect with a genealogy group
- Decide on an approach



# Do Your Homework

- Identify what you already know
- Start with yourself and work backwards
- Talk to your relatives
- Locate family documents and public records



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## June Power

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Surname at birth: LaVoie  
Gender: Female  
Birth date: 1977

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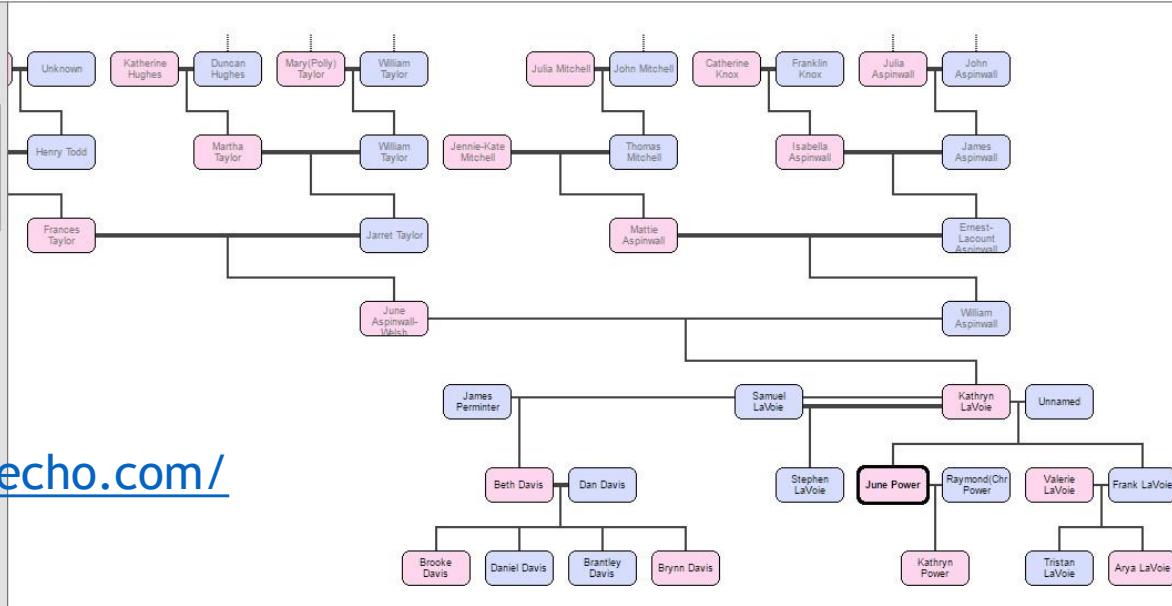
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Also: Discover your Ancestors at Ancestry.com

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Download / export this family...

# Useful Family Documents for Genealogical Research

- Family Bibles
- Birth, baptism, marriage, and death certificates
- School report cards and diplomas
- Old family letters
- Scrapbooks and photographs
- Diaries and Journals



# Useful Public Records for Genealogical Research

- Church registers
- Newspapers
- Municipal, state, and federal records – census, naturalization papers, vital statistics
- Local and state archives, historical societies, and libraries



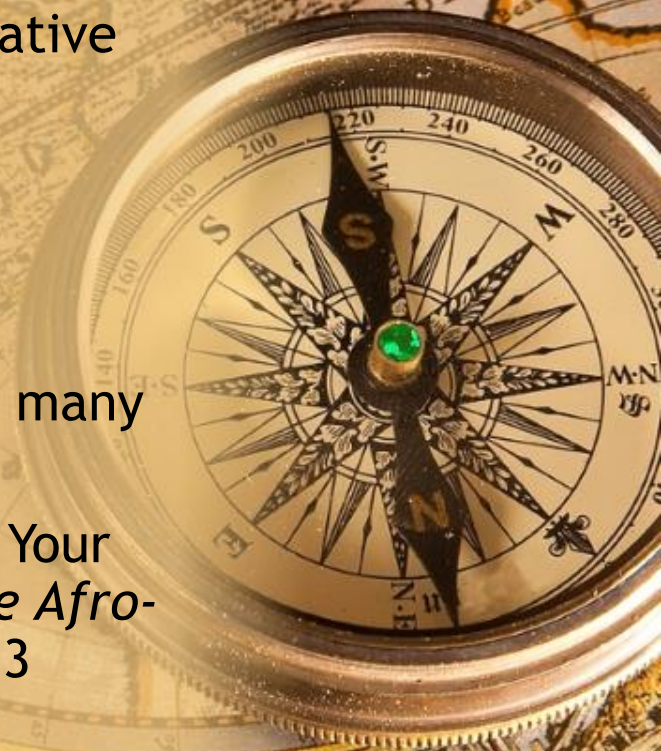
# Useful Internet Sources for Genealogical Research

- Genealogy.com - <http://www.genealogy.com>
- FamilySearch.org - <http://familysearch.org>
- Ancestry.com - <http://www.ancestry.com>
- HeritageQuest.com - <http://www.heritagequestonline.com>
- USGenWeb.org and NCGenWeb.us - <http://www.usgenweb.org/> and <http://www.ncgenweb.us/>
- East Carolina Roots - <http://eastcarolinaroots.com/>



# American Indian Genealogy Beginning Research

- Requires a cross-disciplinary approach
- Very few census records have notations about Native Americans
- Church and local records often contain more information
- Tribal histories and records are very important
- Family History Library in Salt Lake City contains many American Indian records
- Thomas J. Blumer, "Practical Pointers in Tracing Your Indian Ancestry in the Southeast," *Journal of the Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society*, 13 (Spring/Fall 1994): 67-82.





# American Indian Genealogy Record Types

- Correspondence
- Maps
- Removal Records
- Enrollment Records
- Oral Histories
- Treaties
- Tribal Office Records
- Bureau of Indian Affairs records - often available through national and regional archives (also Department of War, Department of the Interior, Department of State)



# African-American Genealogical Sources

- Freedmen's Bureau Records - <http://www.ncgenweb.us/ncstate/afam/freedmen.htm>
- Transportation Records
- Civil War military records
- Records of the Freedman's Savings and Trust Company
- Slave ownership and manumission records and wills
- Look for name changes after the Civil War
- Afrigeneas - <http://www.afrigeneas.com/>



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# Finding Surprises

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SERIAL NUMBER: [ ] ORDER NUMBER: 3183

1 *Ernest Lacount Aspinwall*

2 PERMANENT HOME ADDRESS: *Pullman Service Co. Inc.*

Age in Years: 18 Date of Birth: *May 4<sup>th</sup> 1900*

RACE: White  Negro  Oriental  Indian  Citizen  Non-citizen

5 *Yes* U. S. CITIZEN: Native Born  Naturalized  Alien: Given by Father's Naturalization Before Registrant's Majority  Declarant  Non-declarant

15 *Student* PRESENT OCCUPATION: *Massey Bros. Coal* EMPLOYER'S NAME: *Columbus Mueses Co. Inc.*

16 *Board of Ed.* PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS: *620 14<sup>th</sup> St. S.W.*

SEAREST RELATIVE: Name: *Miss Mrs. J. Aspinwall* Address: *Pullman Service Co. Inc.*

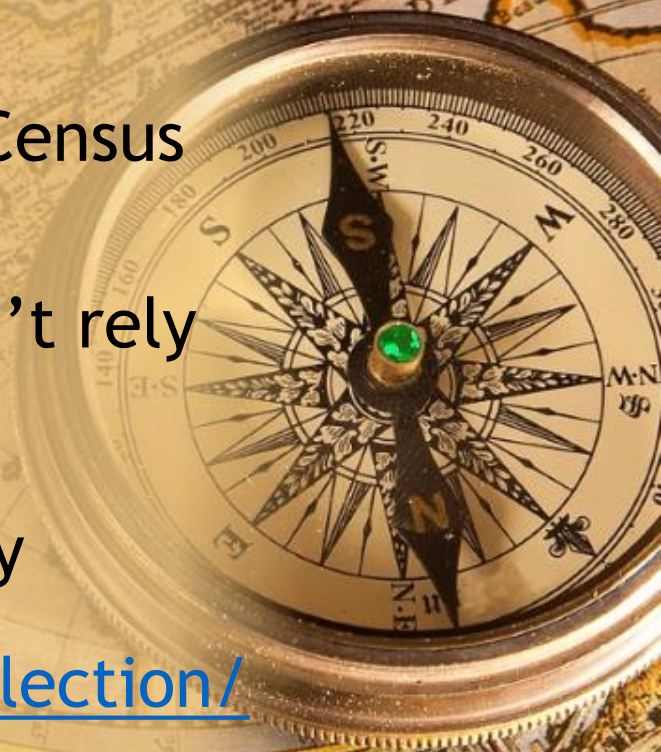
I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED THE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE  
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# Other Tips and Tricks

- Women usually listed under maiden name
- Spelling variations
- When in doubt - start with the U.S. Census
- Less is often more
- Look at originals when possible - don't rely on transcriptions
- Not all databases are indexed (e.g. FamilySearch's North Carolina County Records 1833-1970 Collection - <https://familysearch.org/search/collection/1916185>.)





# Common Abbreviations in Genealogy

Below are some commonly used abbreviations you will encounter during your family history research.

**Ab./abt.** about

**Æ, ae** age

**b.** born

**bap., bp.** baptized

**bur.** buried, burial

**co.** county, company

**d.** died

**div.** divorced

**d/o, s/o** daughter of, son of

**d.s.p.** *decessit sine prole*  
(died without issue/children)

**d.y.** died young

**et al.** and others

**int.** intention of marriage

**m.** married

**née** maiden or birth name

**n.f.r.** no further record (after marriage)

**N.S.** New Style (Gregorian) calendar

**O.S.** Old Style (Julian) calendar

**sic** copied exactly from original

**unm.** unmarried

**unk.** unknown

**viz.** namely

**yeo.** Yeoman (farmer)

# Reading Older Writing

- Spelling not always standard
- “ss” looks like “fs”
- “Ye” often means “the” and vice versa
- Many older words no longer in use
- Compare letters

attention also to such things as you shall see  
ceiv a fit subjects for communication on this  
occasion, and noting them as they occur  
that you would be so good as to furnish me  
with them in time to be prepared, and exprop  
ted with others for the opening of the Session.

With very sincere and

Affectionate regard

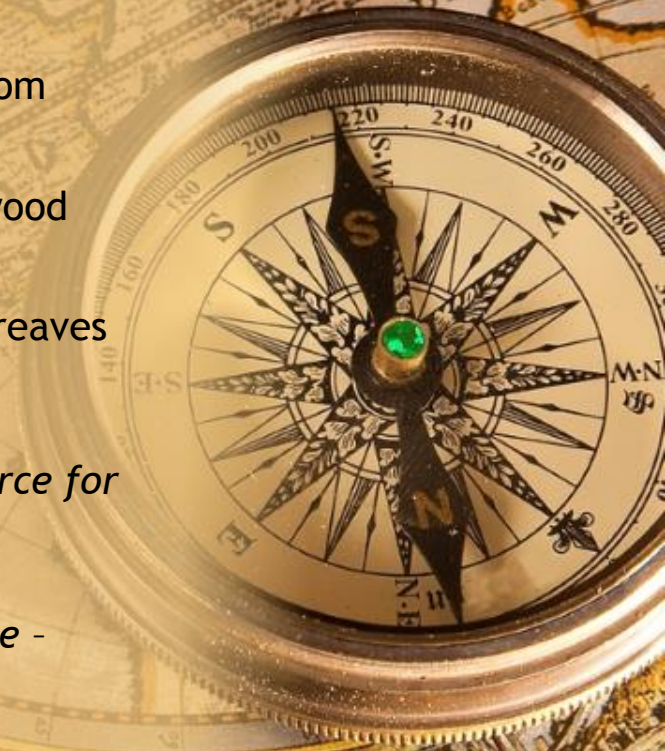
I am ever Yours

J. Washington

James Madison jun<sup>r</sup> Esq


# Useful Books for Genealogical Research

- *Unpuzzling Your Past: The Best-Selling Basic Guide to Genealogy* - Emily Anne Croom
- *The Genealogist's Companion and Sourcebook* - Emily Anne Croom
- *The Researcher's Guide to American Genealogy* - Val D. Greenwood
- *The Source: A Guidebook to American Genealogy* - Sandra Hargreaves Luebking and Loretto Dennis Szucs
- *The Everything Guide to Online Genealogy: A Complete Resource for Using the Web to Trace Your Family History* - Kimberly Powell
- *Genealogy 101: How to Trace Your Family's History and Heritage* - Barbara Renick



# Other Useful Genealogy Web Sites

- Genealogy Gopher's Free Genealogy Book Search - <https://www.gengophers.com/#/>
- Genealogy Today - [www.genealogytoday.com](http://www.genealogytoday.com)
- Ancestral Findings - [www.ancestralfindings.com](http://www.ancestralfindings.com)
- Access Genealogy - <https://www.accessgenealogy.com>
- Find a Grave - <http://www.findagrave.com/>
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THE ASPINWALL AND ASPINALL FAMILIES OF  
LANCASHIRE.

By H. O. ASPINALL.

PART I.

The above names are amongst the earliest of Lancashire surnames, and can be traced continuously from shortly after the Norman Conquest to the present day. No connected account of the families who have borne them has hitherto appeared in print, but the present writer has collected a quantity of interesting information relating to them, from which the following notes have been selected. To bring this information together it has been necessary to consult some two thousand different volumes, records and documents.