

Barton Historical & Genealogical Society Newsletter

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Assumptions in Genealogy

As genealogists and family historians we know how treacherous it is to make assumptions about our ancestors. Sometimes we're led down the wrong "rabbit hole" and make mistakes. Often those mistakes will survive much longer than one might expect, sometimes for generations!

Ye Editor has seen fifteenth-century Wills and twentieth-century newspaper articles use the term "of" followed by a place like "John Barton of Whittier". Here's the rub: did the author mean (1) John is a current resident of Whittier or (2) John is a former resident of Whittier or (3) John was born in Whittier? Which is it? This imprecise term can lead to incorrect assumptions and yet the phrase is so common that I'll bet that most of our readers can find it somewhere in our respective genealogies.

It might be time to revisit that assumption!

Welcome to Our New Members

Andrew Barton England

Phil Kravitz

Walker, Iowa

Kathleen Barton Charleston SC

Sharon Hilbish

Demopolis Alabama

BHGS Annual Meeting Minutes

2018 Annual Meeting Minutes-Charleston, S.C.

March 10, 2018

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Kathy Barton Gerwig, President, brought the meeting to order and welcomed everyone to the 2018 Annual Meeting/Family Reunion. She began by stating that the applications for the 501c3 had been filed and we were waiting for the State of South Carolina to approve it.
- Kathy Barton Gerwig also stated the group of Tyger Bartons put a marker at the Tyger River Baptist Church Cemetery with a donation of \$2700 from DAR, Daughters of Colonies, and Colonial Dames. We voted to donate \$250 to the marker.
- Terry Barton gave an explanation of the anonymous donor that is giving our organization a donation for research for Barton Lineage 1.

TREASURER'S REPORT

- Treasurer Deborah Lee had a family emergency and could not make the meeting, but Kathy Barton Gerwig read the report.
- February 28, 2018 balance was \$2099.69, addition of March 1-6 deposits of \$50.00, minus \$407.48 checks/debits for March 1-6, leaving a balance available of \$1742.21 for March 6, 2018.
- Treasurer's Report was Read and Approved. (Copy attached to minutes).

DISCUSSIONS

We had a small group of 15 members at the meeting. Terry Barton worked with attending members to explain their DNA information and how the Barton information is interpreted. Members seemed very interested seeing what information and websites are available.

Terry also discussed the upcoming EU GDPR (General Data Protection Regulations) effective May 2018. These EU law regulations of data protection and privacy for all individuals within the European Union and the European Economic Area. It also addresses the export of personal data outside the EU and EEA. It was brought to our attention that our organization will have to figure out what we must do in order to comply with these regulations as we collect data of our European ancestors.

Meeting was adjourned. Minutes submitted by Lynne Paff.

My Family Tree

There grows upon our family tree
Some nuts who look and act like me.
With hazel eyes and funny nose,
Widened feet and stubby toes.
Such perfect teeth but turned up chin,
A pouty lip and broadened grin.
The family look is just a start
Their actions were the strangest part.
For way out on a limb there sits
Some things I'd just as soon forget.
They'd laugh and sing, and whoop and shout
T' would nearly drive the neighbors out.
A hardy handshake, and full of joke
The tallest tales 'twas ever spoke.
The Irish devil, my mother said
The very worst was Uncle Ed.
He'd tease us so, and make us mad
But now he's gone and we're so sad.
When tempers flared, and things grew hot
On Grandma's forehead, appeared a spot
And just to set the record straight-
I also have that family trait.
So, when tracing your genealogy
Please my friend, don't shake my tree.

Louise Woodward Adams
[Hospitalized friend of ye Editor]
circa 1972