

FUNDAMENTAL MYSTERIES 6: It Just Ain't So!


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"It Just Ain't So"**


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Hints, Intuition, Persistence, Corroboration



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What this is about

Purpose: To make beginning researchers aware of some very simple and helpful genealogical concepts

The Idea

- There are some elementary, basic, and fundamental ideas that all genealogists should know
- These ideas are easy to learn, are not always known, or ever taught to folks in a simple fashion



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Agenda

We descend from kings



Perhaps these sort of kings




- Introduction
- Truth or Fiction
- Truth & Proof
- Documentation
- It Can't Be
- It Can't Be Wrong
- Cemetery Phenomena

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Truth or Fiction


Family Tree




Heard These Before

I am well acquainted with detective work
My cousin has completed the family tree
I got it from someone on Ancestry
I got it from someone on FamilySearch
I got it straight from the Internet
We have documentation
My early relatives are Native Americans
We have great wealth back in Cuba
We always called him Uncle Charlie


Radar Expert



Red Hair = Vikings




Roots in ASIA



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One Document is Proof



TWELFTH CENSUS OF THE UNITED STATES.
SCHEDULE No. 1.—POPULATION.

1900 US Federal Census, New York City, New York

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Immigration, Occupation, Education

NAME	RELATION.	CITIZENSHIP.			OCCUPATION, TRADE, OR PROFESSION		EDUCATION.			
		Year of immigration to the United States.	Year of naturalization.	Year of arrival in the United States.	Occupation.	Can read.	Can write.	Can speak English.		
Michael	Head	1850	22	1900	Not Studied	0	N	N	N	
Angela	wife	1850	22	1900	Hot Business					
Frank	Son	11				5	4	3	3	
John	Son	11			clerk	0	5	4	3	
Renna	Daughter	9				4	3	3	3	
Antonina	Daughter	8				4	3	3	3	
Rosina	Daughter	6				4	3	3	3	
Virginia	Daughter	4					N	N	N	
Martina	Daughter	<					N	N	N	
Matteo	Son	1					N	N	N	
Isabella	Daughter	1850	14	1900	Not Studied	0				

Data is unclear!

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Birth Descriptions

NAME	RELATION	PERSONAL DESCRIPTION										SATIVITY		
		Sex	Color of hair	Color of eyes	Color of skin	Height	Weight	Build	Complexion	Scars	Other	Place of birth of this parent	Place of birth of father of this parent	Place of birth of mother of this parent
Wendell	Head	M	Blk	Blk	Blk	5' 10"	170	Slender	Clear		Italy	Italy	Italy	
Angela	wife	F	Blk	Blk	Blk	5' 2"	105	Slender	Clear		Italy	Italy	Italy	
Joseph	Son	M	Blk	Blk	Blk	5' 10"	170	Slender	Clear		New York	New York	New York	
Anna	Daughter	F	Blk	Blk	Blk	5' 10"	170	Slender	Clear		New York	New York	New York	
Antonina	Daughter	F	Blk	Blk	Blk	5' 10"	170	Slender	Clear		New York	New York	New York	
Anna	Daughter	F	Blk	Blk	Blk	5' 10"	170	Slender	Clear		New York	New York	New York	
Antonina	Daughter	F	Blk	Blk	Blk	5' 10"	170	Slender	Clear		New York	New York	New York	
Joseph	Son	M	Blk	Blk	Blk	5' 10"	170	Slender	Clear		New York	New York	New York	
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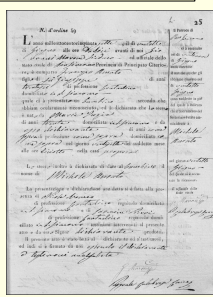
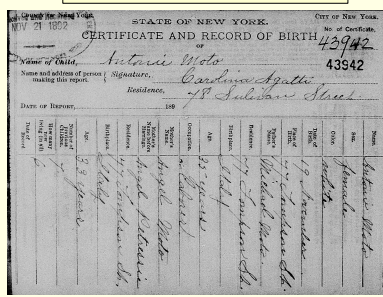
Note the two dates.

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The Truth

Michele Amato
Born 27 Jun 1857 not Feb 1860
Monte San Giacomo, Salerno,
Campania, Italia

Antoinette Amato
Born: 19 Nov 1892 not Jun 1882
New York City, Manhattan, New York Co, NY

Lesson 1. Don't trust single sources
Lesson 2. Illiterate folks can't check their data

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City Names are Unique to a Locality

Nation

Individual States

Counties

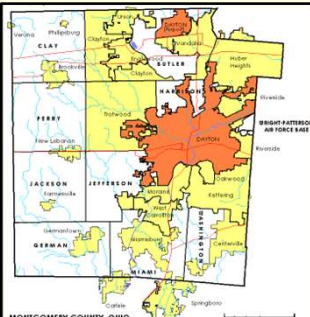
Townships

Cities (villages)

Wards

Neighborhoods

Lands are broken up into smaller areas for governance and control



MONTEGOMERY COUNTY, OHIO

United States

Louisiana

9 Regions

64 Parishes

Cities (villages)

Church Divisions

Neighborhoods

United States

Ohio

Montgomery

Mad River Township

Riverside

NE Section

Forest Ridge

Italy

20 Regions

110 Provinces

Municipalities

Cities (towns)


villages

Forest Ridge


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Family from Frassené, Belluno, Veneto, Italia


20 Regions of Italy



7 Provinces of Veneto

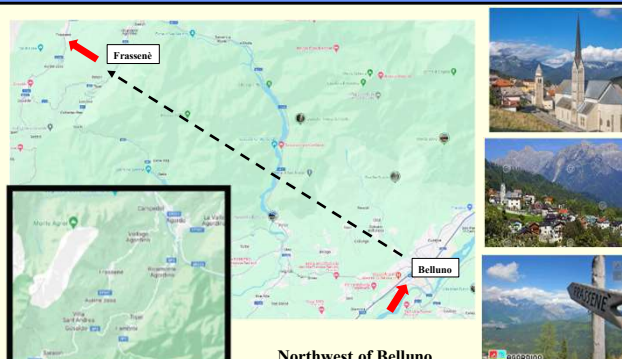


Belluno Province




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Frassené in the Province of Belluno

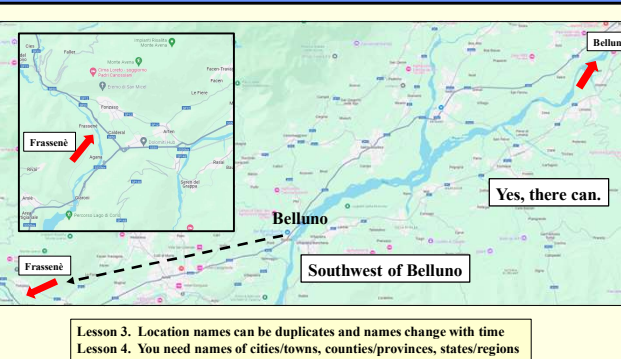


Northwest of Belluno



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Can't Be Two Frassené in One Province



Southwest of Belluno

Yes, there can.

Lesson 3. Location names can be duplicates and names change with time
Lesson 4. You need names of cities/towns, counties/provinces, states/regions
Lesson 5. Get extremely good at finding, using, and copying maps

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All Those Folks Can't all Be Wrong

I was asked to extend a family tree back one generation

Giuseppe Giambrone
B: 1858
San Giuseppe, Palermo, Italy
M:
D: 1928 (62)
San Giuseppe, Palermo, Italy

Providenza (Vincenza) Logiudice
B: 28 Dec 1862
San Giuseppe, Palermo, Italy
M:
IM: 12 Mar 1921
D: 7 Feb 1954 (92)
Rochester, Monroe, NY

Joseph (Giuseppe) Giambrone
B: 1889
San Giuseppe, Palermo, Italy
IM: 12 Mar 1921
Phil, PA
D: 4 May 1984
Rochester, Monroe, NY
Holy Sepulchre Cem.

Mary Iacina
B: 29 Jan 1891
Montepore, Palermo, Italy
M:
IM: 12 Mar 1921
Phil, PA
D: 17 Jun 1981
Rochester, Monroe, NY

Jack John Giambrone Sr.
B: 8 Apr 1912
Frankfort, Herkimer, NY
D: 8 Sep 2007
Rochester, Monroe, NY
IN: White Haven Cem
Rochester, Monroe, NY

Jack John Giambrone Jr.
B: 30 Jan 1959
Rochester, Monroe, NY

Philomena J. Mascini
B: c. 1936
Rochester, Monroe, NY
M: 2 Mar 1987

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Some Problems to Contend with

- Names repeat in generations
- Names don't seem correct
- Misspellings everywhere
- Locations not valid
- Many bad trees
- Info only from US census
- No online documentation
- No good records
- Poor penmanship

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Example 1 Tree

Tree Number 1

Giuseppe Giambrone
1858 - 1928 (69)

Vitals

Name: 0 Sources
Giuseppe Giambrone

Birth: 0 Sources
1858
Palermo, Sicily, Italy

Death: 0 Sources
1928
Palermo, Palermo, Sicily, Italy

Sex: 0 Sources
Male

Christening: 0 Sources
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Burial: 0 Sources
= ADD

Not much tree
Only one child listed
No Grandparents

Not much in details
Only the year listed
No sources

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Example 2 Tree

Providenza (Vincenza) Logiudice
1862 - 1954 (92)

Unknown sources for this information

Providenza Gindige Giambrone
BIRTH: 1882
DEATH: 7 Feb 1954 (aged 71-72)
BURIAL: Holy Sepulchre Cemetery
Rochester, Monroe County, New York, USA
PILOT: Section: No.36 Plot: Grave 7
MEMORIAL ID: 17781051 View Source

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Researched Records

Sal's Birth Certificate 12 Mar 1844

Marriage Certificate Salvatore & Providenza 20 May 1881

Sal's Death Certificate 11 Sep 1906

These are free and online at Antenati and FamilySearch

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Internet Information Comparison

From the Internet	From the Research Records
Name: Giuseppe Giambrone	Name: Salvatore Giambrone
Born: 1858	Born: 12 Mar 1844
Location: San Giuseppe, Palermo, Sicilia	Location: Piano dei Greci, Palermo, Sicilia
Marriage: Unknown	Marriage: 20 May 1881
Spouse: Providenza Logiudice	Spouse: Providenza Lo Giudice
Location: San Giuseppe, Palermo, Sicilia	Location: San Giuseppe Jato, Palermo, Sicilia
Immigration: Unknown	Immigration: Did not immigrate
Died: 1920	Died: 11 Sep 1906
Location: Unknown	Location: San Giuseppe Jato, Palermo, Sicilia
Children: only 1 cited	Children: 7, Crispino (Chris) Antonio (Tony), Calogera (Carolina), Giuseppe (Joseph), Rosina (Rose), Nicola (Nicolas), Gaetano (Tom)

Lesson 6. Trees on the internet can be helpful
Lesson 7. You can't trust the data even if it is repeated

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Can You Find Bortolo Zucco

Of course, what can you tell me about him

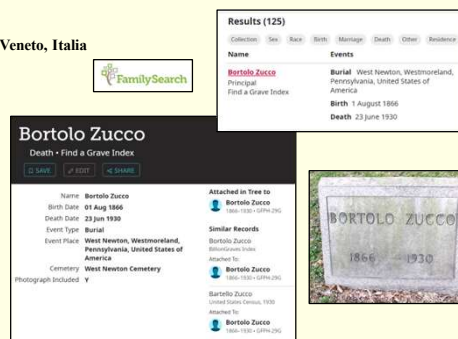
Name: Bortolo Zucco
Date: 1 Aug 1866
Born: Fonzaso, Belluno, Veneto, Italia

M: Yes
Wife: Maria Zucco
Children: Yes

Imm: Yes
Arrival: New York
Date:

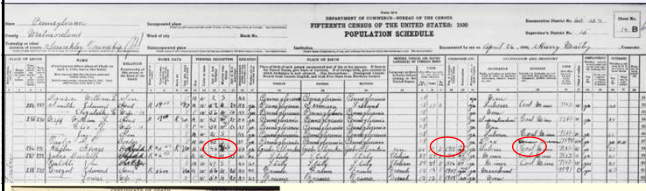
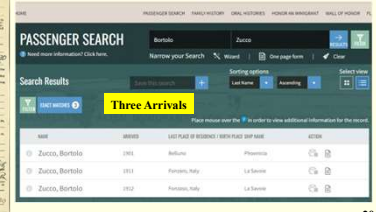
Lived: Pennsylvania
Died: 23 Jun 1930
BU: West Newton Cem
Location: WN, PA
Comment: He never returned to Italy

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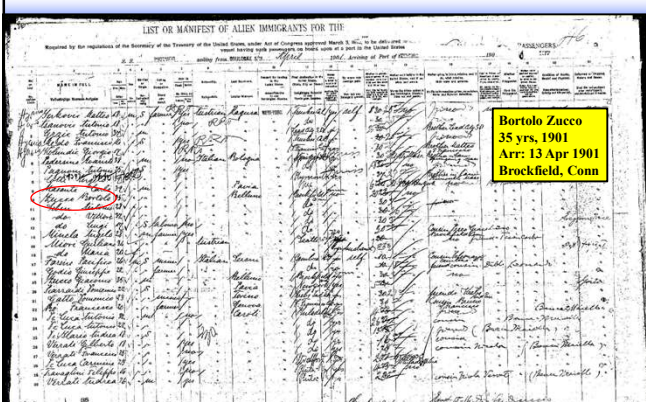
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1930 US Census Sewickley Township, Westmoreland, PA

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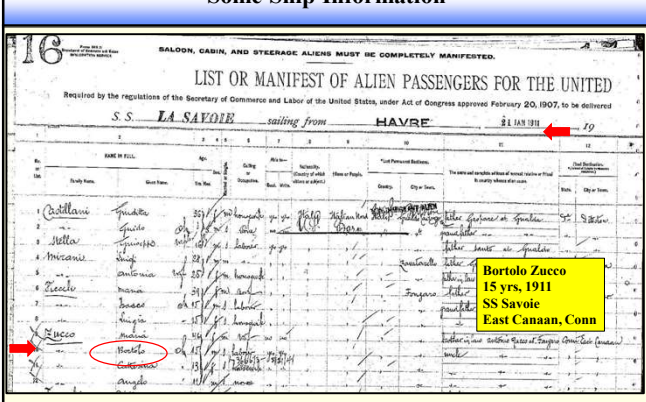
Passenger List Information



Bortolo Zucco
35 yrs, 1901
Arr: 13 Apr 1901
Brockfield, Conn

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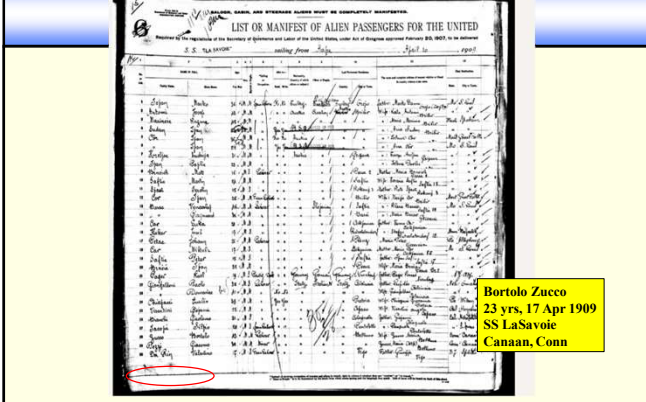
Some Ship Information



Bortolo Zucco
15 yrs, 1911
SS Savoie
East Canaan, Conn

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US Arriving Passenger and Crew Lists (Including Lists for Children and East Bound) (1820-1954) for Bortolo Zucco



Bortolo Zucco
23 yrs, 17 Apr 1909
SS LaSavoie
Canaan, Conn

There was 3 Bortolo Zuccos in the US

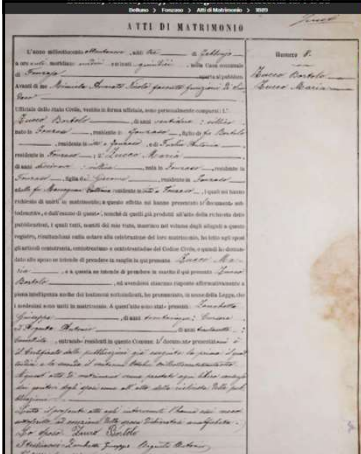
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Need Some Better Records



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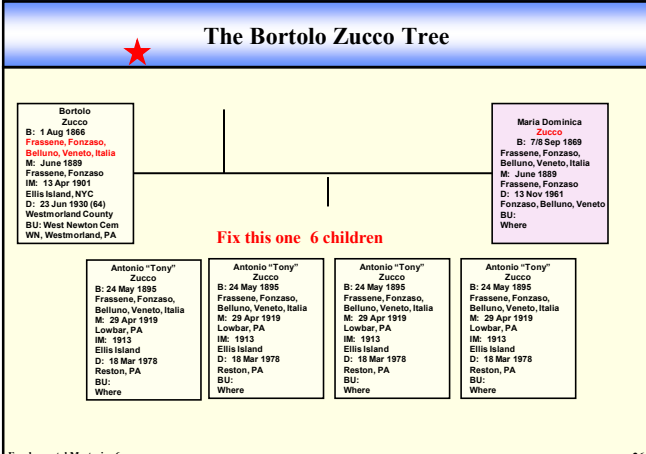
Marriage Record
3 Feb 1889

Bortolo Zucco (22)
F: Bortolo Zucco
M: Antonia Furlin

Maria Zucco (19)
F: Giacomo Zucco
M: Catalina Massajuan

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The Bortolo Zucco Tree



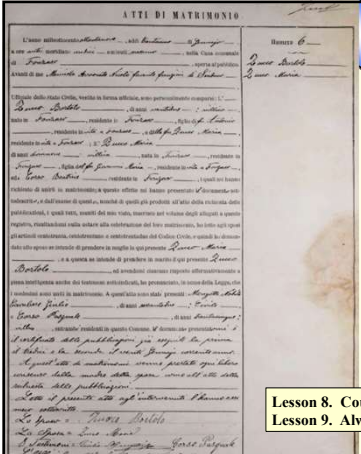
Bortolo Zucco
B: 1 Aug 1866
Frasene, Fonzaso,
Belluno, Veneto, Italia
M: June 1889
Frasene, Fonzaso
IM: 13 Apr 1901
Ellis Island, NYC
D: 23 Jun 1930 (64)
Westmoreland County
BU: West Newton Cem
WN, Westmoreland, PA

Maria Dominica Zucco
B: 7/8 Sep 1869
Frasene, Fonzaso,
Belluno, Veneto, Italia
M: June 1889
Frasene, Fonzaso
D: 13 Nov 1961
Fonzaso, Belluno, Veneto
BU: Where

Fix this one 6 children

Antonio "Tony" Zucco B: 24 May 1895 Frasene, Fonzaso, Belluno, Veneto, Italia M: 29 Apr 1919 Lowbar, PA IM: 1913 Ellis Island D: 16 Mar 1978 Reston, PA BU: Where	Antonio "Tony" Zucco B: 24 May 1895 Frasene, Fonzaso, Belluno, Veneto, Italia M: 29 Apr 1919 Lowbar, PA IM: 1913 Ellis Island D: 16 Mar 1978 Reston, PA BU: Where	Antonio "Tony" Zucco B: 24 May 1895 Frasene, Fonzaso, Belluno, Veneto, Italia M: 29 Apr 1919 Lowbar, PA IM: 1913 Ellis Island D: 16 Mar 1978 Reston, PA BU: Where	Antonio "Tony" Zucco B: 24 May 1895 Frasene, Fonzaso, Belluno, Veneto, Italia M: 29 Apr 1919 Lowbar, PA IM: 1913 Ellis Island D: 16 Mar 1978 Reston, PA BU: Where
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Correct Bortolo Zucco

Certificate of Marriage
31 Jan 1889, Fonzaso

Bortolo Zucco (22)
F: the late **Antonio**
M: the late **Maria Zucco**

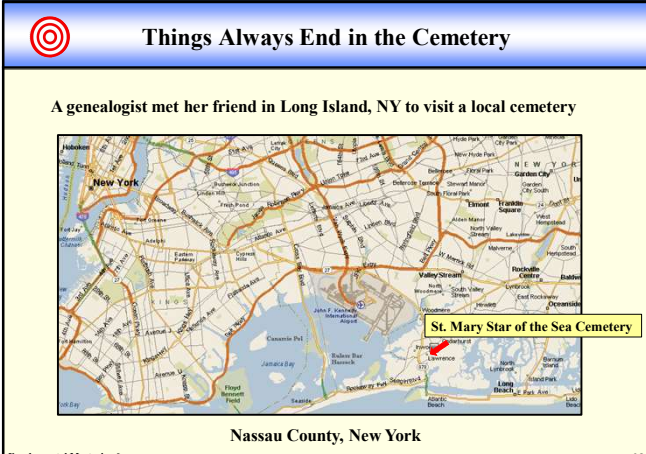
Maria Zucco (19)
F: the late **Giovanni**
M: **Beatrice Corso**

Lesson 8. Could be many with similar information
Lesson 9. Always need additional information

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Things Always End in the Cemetery

A genealogist met her friend in Long Island, NY to visit a local cemetery



St. Mary Star of the Sea Cemetery

Nassau County, New York

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They hoped to find a record of their Origins in Ireland

Somewhere in Ireland!



Her Father bought a mausoleum at Saint Mary Star of the Sea Cemetery




but nothing was found at the mausoleum

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We've Come So Far

The friend suggested they visit a nearby funeral home

At the funeral home, they found the name of her half sister



The half sister mentioned there was a nearby cousin that she called and they were invited for tea



The cousin was cleaning out the house of an uncle who recently passed away

The genealogist asked if she found any family information so far.

She did not, but would let her know if she found anything about the family

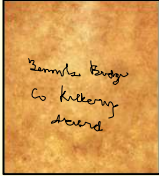
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And Then

The genealogist heard from her cousin about a small scrap of paper left in a bureau draw



Written on the paper was Bennetts Bridge, Co. Kilkenny, Ireland



Lesson 10. Information just ain't sitting there
Lesson 11. Leave no stone unturned in your search
Lesson 12. It is prudent to call your helpers
Lesson 13. Cemeteries can be the beginning of a discovery



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Things Can Easily be Explained

I was fortunate to meet the most wonderful woman in the world

But my new job could cause me to leave her




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And Then


One day she was sorting a box of her possessions




We married that week



I offered to help, and saw this paper



And went to Germany



Lesson 14. Information sometimes magically comes to you

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Things Happen in Life

Some 40 years later




I was always the one to go ahead and make the way for others to follow

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I Visit the Cemetery

In my portable chair I ponder.



I was always there to care for you
I'd like to know you are fine...



The Chair

Shortly there appears a woman out of nowhere who says, "I saw you fall but I'm not strong enough to help."
Seconds later appears a second woman. "I'm lost and for some reason decided to turn around in this cemetery. Can I help?"


Lesson 15. There are answers to your questions in cemeteries

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