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AN UNAVOIDABLE PAUSE IN RESEARCH

In the past ten months, my Newburgh studies have been on the back burner while caring for my ailing mother who recently passed away. In her youth, Mom was a singer, dancer and creative whistler - cheerful as a little bird. Considering herself the last leaf on her family's tree, she was the only one of her seven siblings to reach the venerable age of ninety-three. It breaks my heart to know she is no longer available for an afternoon chat, cup of tea, or to offer advice.

Together, she and I collected and shared family history. She read and edited my books and articles. We collaborated on more than a few ideas. My spare bedroom is now crammed with her life's memorabilia. Wandering past the door, I lean my head against the frame and ponder what to do with all the history she has left behind.

My take away from this experience is: If you are the designated family historian for your clan, and will be tasked with guarding the family treasures, i.e. photo albums, 35 mm slides, Super 8 movie reels,

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tapes and boxes & boxes of genealogical history – RUN for your life! Just kidding! ☺ At the moment, I'm feeling a tad overwhelmed with the clutter and tasks ahead.

Seriously . . . I am concerned about these collections and their preservation. The real question is: When *I buy the farm*, will these treasures fill up someone else's overburdened closets? Will the new caretaker love and preserve them as I have? These questions are truly something to consider and anticipate. If you are *the designated family historian*, my advice is to begin looking for someone to carry the mantel after you are gone. Organize and consolidate, and by all means write instructions in your will.

The experience of clearing Mom's home demonstrated our society's packrat tendencies in high fidelity. How much *stuff* do we *truly* need, and how much of it is necessary to save for the future? I've also realized that I personally have an accumulation of historical documentation and other things in my own home that need thoughtful attention – and soon. Clearly, it's time to make a plan, purge and downsize.

AFTERMATH of the TECHNOLOGY REVOLUTION

Our early 20th century ancestors viewed photography as a distinct luxury. Their antique photographs are now considered precious and rare. Until the 1930's and 40's cameras and phonographs were a commodity few families could afford. In those early decades it was definitely not the time of casual selfies. Film and processing were expensive; plus the technology was not the best.

Fast forward: Now days people find themselves engrossed in recording, time stamping, and reporting the minutiae of their daily lives; while notarizing their comments with better than real images. Will this excess documentation become a burden to our descendants? Never has a society voluntarily recorded so much about itself. Will these records be something your family will actually care about in the future? Will Ancestry.com buy Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram records so that they can have first person accounts for their future data bases? What kinds of laws will need to go into place when this inevitably happens? A scary thought.

My parents always kept up on the latest technology. When I was twelve, Dad's obsession with technology began when he brought home a reel to reel tape recorder complete with a professional grade microphone. We had fun imagining ourselves in a recording studio, singing to high heaven. Dad loved his gadgets and spent much of his disposable income on things like the latest cameras, vacations throughout the west, and for us kids - ice cream outings.

His movie gear was absolutely annoying. He often blinded us with his "sun gun." You thought flash cubes could make you see spots for ten minutes, this thing made a strange whining noise as it revved up. A welder's visor was required to be in the same room with it. Most of the photos done with this device produced extreme 'red eye' like a dazed animal on a dark road. Subjects were often grimacing, shielding their tightly closed eyes from the glare. Thank heaven he dumped that contraption before it started a fire.

Not only did Dad have the latest and greatest photographic equipment, he and Mom collected early vinyl records. I have several large and HEAVY boxes of vinyl mostly comprised of 78 rpm records from the late 1940's right through to the 33 rpm LPs of the 1980s.

Later, he re-collected all the same music, first on 8 track tapes, then cassettes, and eventually he exchanged them for CD's. Today, I found his John Philip Sousa LP, which he loved to torture us with on Saturday mornings if we didn't get out of bed before 8:00 a.m. The din of his dual speaker system could jar the dead out of a good R.I.P. His closet was an audiophile historian's dream (or nightmare). The question is what to do with it? Mom saved everything. All offers considered. ☺

Then there were the books. It took five carloads to get her collection out of the house to a bookstore where the picky staff accepted only a small fraction. Most of them ended up at Good Will. Doing the right thing with such treasures can cause an acute case of separation anxiety. I was advised by several people to just ditch it all. I just couldn't.

Ten years ago, Mom watched in horror when her deceased neighbor's children rented a large commercial dumpster, parked it on the driveway, and evacuated everything from her extremely cluttered (think hoarder) home. Boxes spilled out of the closets, filling up rooms and lining the hallways. The garage was so full the cars were parked outside. I suppose her children figured, why bother looking through any of it – they would just have to store it in. Watching this saga, Mom begged me not to do the same with her "things" when her time arrived. I'm trying to honor her wishes.

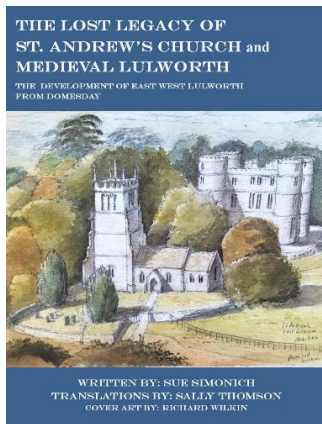
Using my crystal ball, I predict twenty-first century landfills will be the future archaeologists' fever dream, especially considering our throwaway society. My friends in England go on digs and are jazzed to find a single broken piece of medieval pottery. They get down in the muck and carefully scrape the bottom of a trench with trowels and brushes to uncover the minutest piece of history.

It is hard to imagine what archaeologists will think in 2525 when they find hundreds of acres of our modern middens, double dug to a depth of fifty feet and capped with asphalt. Treasure or junk? Undoubtedly, most of what they find will be represented by non-compostable plastic with a half-life approaching that of plutonium. Then there are our cemeteries with vaulted graves, concrete-lined, with a fancy casket filling the void. Indeed, what will they think? Howard Carter might actually be jealous.

My historian's soul stays my hand every time I am tempted to pitch things, so I am trying to find ways to store these relics with respect to my limited space. Some of the more noteworthy pieces will go to appropriate archives, museums or to family members who will appreciate their significance.

The good news is, while struggling with my storage problem, I discovered one small way to better store 35mm slides. Camera supply stores sell archival sleeves that fit into three ring binders and hold twenty slides per page. Now, thousands of slides which originally took up three square feet of floor space reside on a bookshelf. This winter I am hoping for several weeks of snow to keep me holed up and consumed with re-organization and digitization of film rather than gardening and writing.

If anyone out there has other suggestions on how to deal with the mounting detritus of your family's accumulated history - please drop me a line, or a life preserver. ☺ All help is welcome.



THE LOST LEGACY OF ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH AND MEDIEVAL LULWORTH

As you may recall, last year around this time, I was anticipating the publication of my new book, *The Lost Legacy of St. Andrew's Church and Medieval Lulworth*. Again, due to circumstances beyond my control, publication was put on hold. See paragraph one above.

This month I have submitted it for peer review, and eagerly await the 'all clear' signal. In the meantime, here is the [Table of Contents](#) so you can learn what to expect. The book contains a lot of previously unknown family history, while chronicling the development of Lulworth. I would be grateful to hear from folks regarding their interest in this work.

When it becomes available, I will email an announcement – hopefully before Christmas.

CALENDAR OF PATENT ROLLS

If you are just beginning your English research, there are a number of ways to obtain information regarding specific individuals in the medieval period. Most of these records will cover only those who possessed land of the king. One of the most engaging resources are the Patent Rolls. Over the past decade and a half, many of these old records have become available on the Internet when they were previously only available via published books from the 19th and 20th centuries. Borrowing them via inter-library loan services has become almost impossible. Many universities have dedicated sections of their library catalogues to making them available. Some hold original records for which you will need a good Latin expert. (I know one if you need her.)

The [University of Iowa](#) has uploaded a concise listing of various records with links to [Hathitrust](#). Volumes beginning in the year 1216 will take you all the way out through 1452. Hathitrust is exceptional for discovering many of the more relevant documents to medieval history. I have compiled a listing of many [resources](#) on the WWNP web site under 'Quick Links for Researchers'. New links are added when I find them. Happy hunting!

DNA NEWS

SCOTTISH ANCESTORS! Recently, a colleague reported to me that his research and DNA have revealed there are probable Newbury ancestors who hailed from Scotland. Several of my contacts have done multiple DNA tests with different companies to examine the veracity of their results.

Living DNA based in the UK attempts to determine participants' ancestral origins by region rather than matching individual tests to other testers. They base their results on an Oxford study which has searched the UK for test subjects whose parents and grandparents lived in the same area. My colleague's results confirmed FTDNA's results, showing that his original YDNA was I-L1237 (the L1237 is an SNP - single nucleotide polymorphism). The results mapped his highest origin probabilities as South Central, East Anglia, and Aberdeenshire. These areas roughly correspond with the SNP map of L1237 from FTDNA.

There's a little town on the coast of Aberdeenshire called Newburgh. *"Newburgh is a coastal village in Aberdeenshire, Scotland. The village dates to 1261 AD, when Lord Sinclair wanted to establish a chapel in the area. Originally built as a school, somewhat later the chapel of Holy Rood was established."*

RICHARD AND THOMAS – NEW ENGLAND IMMIGRANTS

As announced in the last newsletter, Jacob has uncovered the anchor family for Richard Newbury of Malden, MA (d. 1685). He discovered that Thomas of Dorchester, MA who died in 1634/5 was indeed closely related to Richard. A revelatory chancery document describes some serious family strife with regard to inheritance issues, family leases and property possession. Skulduggery and dramatic events worthy of a soap opera were described.

Jacob lives in the UK and has access to repositories that we as Americans and other global citizens cannot easily access. There is so much buried treasure to be discovered in the UK archives. Most of us cannot hope to access much of it unless we go to England with specific goals and LOTS OF TIME and times takes money.

As an independent researcher Jacob requests a minimal fee for his completed work, which I assure you is well worth the small sum he requests. He uses these fees to purchase additional documents for his continued research. His full genealogical paper detailing Thomas and Richard's origins and their familial relationship can be purchased [here](#).² Jacob is continuing his research efforts to link Devon/Dorset descendants to the medieval East Lulworth crowd. Stay tuned.

MARSHWOOD VALE

Recently, more information regarding Thomas' line has been uncovered in a document that seems to have been overlooked in the past. As you may remember in reading Bartlett's *Newberry Genealogy*, he suggested Thomas' children were heirs to their grandfather Christopher Dabinott and were slated to receive a legacy from his estate. There is more to the story.

² <https://gum.co/Newberry/>.

An earlier group of chancery documents were identified and transcribed recently. It details Thomas' sons, Benjamin and Joseph who went to court regarding their grandfather's legacy. Benjamin sailed from New England to participate in the case with their cousin Gideon Hayne. After many years of contentious arguments between obscure family members, the lease was finally purchased by Robert Newberry, uncle of Benjamin, Joseph and John, who ultimately turned it over to his descendants. As it turns out Bartlett missed some of the earliest documentation when he wrote about this case. In the next newsletter I hope to include a short article describing what happened. My transcriptionist recently returned the translation, and it tells an interesting story. In the past, Bartlett and so many of the New England genealogists have gone astray when it comes to Thomas' family.

One thorny subject captured my interest some ten years ago. As I have mentioned in the past, John Newberry (Thomas' nineteen year old son) was reported to have been hanged for a felony. In this newest document, his name once again stands alongside those of his living siblings in the above mentioned chancery case.

Some twenty years after his *alleged* neck-tie party, this document proves once again that he continued his life escaping from New England and returning to finish his life in Chardstock, Dorset. He was deceased in 1691. American genealogists are still uninterested in the truth of the matter regarding John Newberry. In the coming months, I will make this fully cited article available as a thank you for donations. ~END

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MANY BLESSINGS UNTIL NEXT YEAR!**

Best Wishes,
Sue



P.S. HAPPY HALLOWEEN!!!