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Using Evernote's Web Clipper on FindaGrave

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Here's the problem I invariably run into using [FindaGrave](#). (FindaGrave is a free website with north of 116 million headstone citations, images and memorials. For more on FindaGrave, check out [my blog post](#).) I find my ancestor's headstone. Great! Now what do I do? I have a couple less than satisfactory options.

- * Bookmark the URL (webpage) that has the citation. Then over time I have a zillion bookmarks that aren't connected to any family information.
- * Take a screen shot with "print scrn" on my laptop and save that image in my file. That works, too, but I lose the URL (web page) and I get a bunch of silly ads with my image.
- * Right click on the image and save the picture of the headstone. I don't have ads now, but I've lost the provenance of the picture. Further, not all findagrave citations have images. And many have additional information worth capturing. Neither scenario is addressed with an image capture.

Frustrated, I had the bright idea to use Evernote's Web Clipper. ([Evernote](#) is a free organization tool that allows you to capture notes, images, webpages, documents, etc. all in one place. For more on Evernote, check out [my blog post](#).)

The Web Clipper Toy

I just discovered the web clipper for Evernote, which is a free application that is easily downloaded [here](#). It integrates into your browser – Google Chrome, Internet Explorer among others. Then when you find a page that has an image, article, FindaGrave page or anything you want to save just click on the elephant icon (Evernote logo) next to your browser bar (where you type in the website name, i.e. www.findagrave.com), and it will capture the either the whole page or part of the page and save it to Evernote!

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Frank E. Williams

Frank E. Williams is my husband's maternal grandfather. A geologist and professor at Pennsylvania State University, he served as a member of the SIS (Secret Intelligence Service) later known as the CIA during WWI. He's buried at Arlington Cemetery in Virginia.

You can see his FindaGrave listing **INSIDE** of an Evernote note at the top of this post. [Editor's Note: The image mentioned is below and not above as originally published on Ms. Foulk's blog.] Not only does the Evernote automatically capture the image and surrounding text, but it also captures the URL from which the page was taken, titles the picture - Frank Ernest Williams (1877 – 1960) – Find A Grave Memorial – and date and time stamps the note creation.

Further, I can add tags to the Frank E. Williams note to help me locate it or associate it with my research. Good tags might include "Foulk Family," since he is part of my husband's tree, or "WWI veteran" because they reflect information I know about the subject but is not evident in the document. If you're wondering why I didn't tag it "Frank Williams" or "FindaGrave" those bits of information are already in the note title, which is by default every word searchable in Evernote.

FindaGrave and Evernote are just wonderful tools for the busy genealogist. Try using them together to make them even more powerful. Happy researching!

Frank E Williams – findagrave – in Evernote



In Memoriam

It is with heavy hearts that we remember our fellow Marion County Genealogical Society member and dear friend, David Gay, who passed away unexpectedly in July. David's energy and productivity belied his 94 years. To see him from afar, you would have thought he was a 50 year-old-man. Hale and hearty to the end, he died in his sleep Wednesday morning (July 16, 2014), according to his family. Way to go, David! We could all wish for such an active life and peaceful death.

David was the fortunate inheritor of a vast amount of photos and documents of significant personal and historical value. He spent many years cataloguing, scanning, and documenting all that material. He made CDs of all of it and gave copies to everyone in his family, and to major genealogy libraries and archives, so it would not be lost to posterity.

He was an active member of the Marion County Genealogical Society for several years and served on the board of directors for a lot of that time. Even when he was no longer a board member, he continued to come to the board meetings because he enjoyed the company and the discussions. Every month he would bring a different treasure from his collection to show us. We had the privilege of holding and examining some amazing documents.

He was buried in Kentucky, and, according to his wishes, there was no service for him. He was a true Kentucky gentleman, and we will miss him very much. RIP, David Gay.

Condolences may be sent to his family at:
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Ocala, FL 34471

*Photograph of David Gay courtesy of
Judy Setley Wright*





Stories Found in Newspapers

By Amanda Triepke

Newspaper articles submitted by Judy Setley Wright

Newspapers can provide a wealth of information for a genealogist including birth, marriage, and death announcements. Newspapers can also provide stories you may not find anywhere else. The following is an unusual story printed in the *Decatur Morning Review* on Wednesday, October 22, 1890.

“WAS LABELED “SUICIDE”

The Mysterious Shipment of a Human Body.

TRANSPORTED IN A BIG BOX.

A Widowed Mother Receives the Supposed Dead Body of Her Daughter, but on Investigation Finds the Girl Alive—The Daughter Only a Few Days Ago Writes Her Mother a Letter of Her Coming Home.

Lancaster, PA, Oct. 21—A box bearing a weird label was delivered at New Holland, a little village twelve miles from Lancaster, on Sunday morning. It came by express from Mount Vernon, Ohio, and was addressed to Mrs. Caroline Settley. It was a large box, and those who saw it were startled at reading above the address the following inscription “Suicide”. Hastily the lid was removed as soon as the cumbersome package was taken to the Settley home, and then those who had been busy prying off the boards with hammers and chisels were horrified to find the body of a girl. As soon as the affrightened [sic] workers again approached the strange object they saw that what appeared to lay before them was the corpse of Helen Settley.

Evidences of Death Not There.

Drs. Bushong and Kohler were at once summoned and the mother asked that a post-mortem examination be made. But as the physicians were assisting in the lifting of the body from its strange resting place they noticed that the evidences of death were not there. No rigidity was apparent, not a sign of decomposition. So, instead of being wrapped in the clothes of death, the girl was placed in a bed and a closer examination made. It was found that the muscles were relaxed, as of one in a deep sleep. The hands were warm and a slight flush appeared on the cheeks. Restoratives were applied, but to no avail. These conditions were the same throughout the night and all of the day.

Authorities Trying to Solve the Mystery

The mother is watching by the bedside of her girl, not knowing whether a corpse lies between the sheets or whether there is life in the motionless form. The physicians are as puzzled as is the widow Settley. They wonder how it is possible for a vestige of life to remain after the confinement

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in that box for such a period, even if the girl were alive when the journey from Mount Vernon was commenced. The authorities have been notified of the strange case and are doing their utmost to solve the mystery. Only ten days ago the mother received a letter from her daughter in which she said she was saving enough money to enable her to take a trip home."

This is definitely an example of a story not likely to be found anywhere other than a newspaper. It is still necessary to study newspaper articles closely and apply some critical thinking. Another article printed on the same day, Wednesday, October 22, 1890, in *The Weekly Press* in New York provides a much less sensationalized, and most likely more accurate, account of the events.

"THE GIRL WAS DEAD.

No Truth in the Story About Miss Settley Being Shipped in a Coffin While Alive.

Special to The Press

Lancaster, PA., Oct. 21—There is nothing in the sensational story about Helen Settley having been shipped while alive from Mount Vernon to her mother in New Holland, Pa. Helen was an inmate of a disorderly house in Mount Vernon raided by police, and when arraigned before the Mayor was fined and threatened with a workhouse sentence if arrested a second time. She took her arrest deeply to heart, and ended her life by swallowing a dose of rat poison. An inquest was held, and the verdict of the jury was death from arsenical poisoning administered by her own hands.

The body was sent to New Holland at the expense of the authorities. At the time the coffin was opened it was noticed that the girl's features were slightly tinged with color. This, the Coroner's physician said, was the result of an excess of blood and is common in cases of sudden death.

Mount Vernon, Ohio, Oct. 21—Drs. Joseph C. Gordon and T.B. Fulton, both men of wide reputation, who were with Helen Settley when she died, say that the flushed appearance of the face which gave rise to the sensational story about her was only such as is common with people who had been in good health and die suddenly of arsenical poisoning. Arsenic preserves much of the naturalness of the features for days after death."

While both newspapers have the story of a young woman's body being shipped home to her mother, one provides sensationalism and speculation while, the other facts and clarification. In either case it is not likely that this story would have been found and recorded in genealogy records had it not been printed in the newspapers. It is the type of story that is not likely to be recorded in other types of records. It never hurts to search old newspapers for your family names, you never know what stories you will find.

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Marriages 1844-1900

The following is a portion of an indexed list of marriage licenses from the Marion County Marriage Books A, B, and C (1844-1900) and Alachua County Marriage Book 1 (1837-1845). The list is organized alphabetically by the grooms' name. A copy of the original records can be obtained by contacting the Clerk of Court of either Alachua or Marion County.

Notes:

(1): The date shown as marriage date is the date the marriage license was issued. No marriage date or minister certification was recorded. It is not known if these people were actually married.

(49): Groom given name may be Levy or Leroy.

(62): Groom surname on license is Arkebauer and on certificate is Archbauer.

(110): Bride surname may be either Barnby or Baruley or Baruby or Baruley.

Groom Name	Bride Name	Date Married	Note	Book & Page
Archer, John J.	Grady, Mary	24 Feb 1895		2-069
Archer, Mons	Coy, Sarah	13 Apr 1893		1-471
Archer, Phillip A.	Smith, Minnie E.	7 Apr 1886		E-149
Archer, Soloman	Johnson, Alice	1 Jan 1885		E-014
Archer, Thomas	Rivers, Attie	27 Oct 1881		D-526
Archer, William	Jacobs, Lucy	18 Mar 1893		1-466
Archie, H.W.	Moore, Roxanna	26 Jul 1894		2-007
Archie, Tom	Pitt, Delia	7 Apr 1897		2-237
Arick, Thomas H.	Collins, Annie E.	23 Jul 1873		D-212
Arick, Thomas H.	Barnes, Emma W.	14 Dec 1865		C-008
Arkebauer, Jesse O.	Wheeler, Ada L.	7 Feb 1900	(62)	2-509
Arledge, Anderson	Remedy, Amanda	30 Sep 1866		C-150
Armistead, J.B.	Maddox, Y.T. (Mrs.)	25 Oct 1899		2-468
Armstrong, Daniel M.	McNeil, Mary J.	3 Mar 1872		D-108
Armstrong, Edward	Butler, Henretta	14 Nov 1875		D-141
Armstrong, George	Wilks, Maud	20 Nov 1887		1-023
Armstrong, Isaac W.	Hagans, Mary	22 Nov 1885		E-096
Armstrong, James	Jackson, M.E.	23 Jul 1861		B-174
Armstrong, Leroy	Johnson, Annie E.	11 Feb 1877	(49)	D-282
Armstrong, Levy	Johnson, Annie E.	11 Feb 1877	(49)	D-282
Armstrong, Mathew	Freeman, Cynthia L.	29 Jan 1860		B-150
Arnold, Austin	Lewis, Tilda	26 Dec 1894		2-051
Arnold, Charles	Pinkney, Lelah	22 Dec 1899		2-501
Arnold, Dwight E.	Baruley, Lydia M.	2 Sep 1894	(110)	2-017
Arnold, Dwight E.	Barnby, Lydia M.	2 Sep 1894	(110)	2-017
Arnold, Dwight E.	Scott, Estell	27 Jun 1892	(1)	1-407
Arnold, Joshua	Kilpatrick, Eliza	20 Feb 1868		C-208
Arthor, Aaron	Jackson, Martha	18 Jan 1874		D-231
Arthur, Aaron	Young, Christina	7 Jul 1866		C-049
Arthur, Aaron	Mickens, Emma	2 Dec 1882		D-634

The Disappearing and Reappearing Grave Stone

By Arnold Isaiah Bell Davis

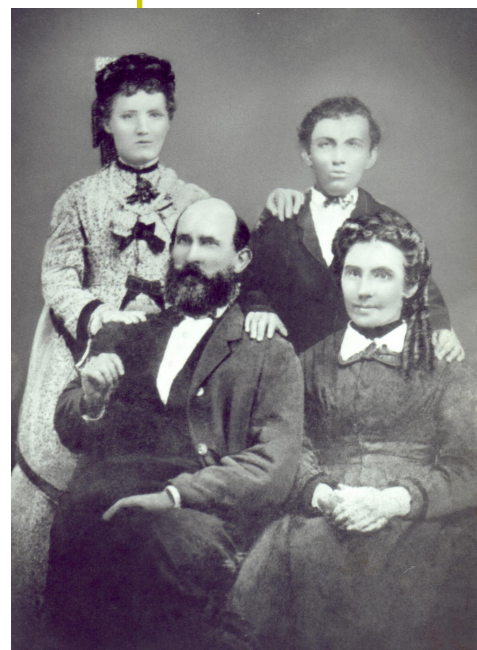
I learned a valuable lesson about burial locations when I did some extended research on my great-grandfather, Isaiah Arnold Bell.

In the early 1930's my father wanted to show my mother where his grandfather was buried. My father was very close to his grandparents because he had spent his entire childhood in their household.

My father and mother arrived at Habersham Methodist Church near Perkins, Georgia where my father said Isaiah Arnold Bell and his wife Elizabeth Caroline Langley were buried. They found the family plot that had my father's parents, brothers, sisters and other relatives buried but there was no marker for his grandparents. My father was very upset that no marker was present so he ordered memorials placed in the family plot for his grandparents.

In 1992 I found an old newspaper that spoke eloquently of Isaiah Arnold Bell and the last sentence of the article said "He was laid to rest by his father at Old Church Cemetery". No wonder my father could not find the marker for his grandparents ... they were not buried at Habersham Methodist Church; they were buried at Old Church.

At the 1993 Bell family reunion I told all the relatives of this revelation and it was agreed to leave the markers at Habersham. Unfortunately Old Church Cemetery has been mostly destroyed by vandals and broken memorials thrown away.



Above: Photograph of Isaiah Arnold Bell with his wife Elizabeth Caroline Langley and their children Fannie Emma Bell and Henry Green Bell.



Left: Photograph of the grave marker for Isaiah Bell and Elizabeth Langley placed at Habersham Methodist Church.

Photographs courtesy of Arnold Davis.



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The Marion County Genealogical Society is dedicated to creating and promoting an interest in genealogy, focusing on research in Marion County, Florida, and in supporting members in their research.

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Anglicizing French Surnames

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France was one of the three main countries that helped colonize North America (the other two being Britain and Spain). As a result, many people in North America have French ancestry, even if they are not aware of it. This is most likely if you have ancestors originating from Eastern Canada, Northeastern United States and around Louisiana. Over time, many people with a French background Anglicized their family names. Sometimes these Anglicizations are fairly easy to figure out, such as the French surname Allain being converted to the English equivalent of Allen. Often, however, the forms of an Anglicized name can be difficult to predict, even for someone well versed in the French language. For example, the French surname LaLiberte becoming the English surname Bow. Fortunately, the Quebec Genweb project maintains an excellent and detailed list of English surnames and their North American French equivalent. This is a wonderful resource to consult if you have French ancestry in your family. Even if you don't think you have any French ancestry, it may well be worth taking a look. Who knows, it could open up a whole new avenue of exploration that you hadn't considered. [\[List of Anglicized French Surnames\]](#)