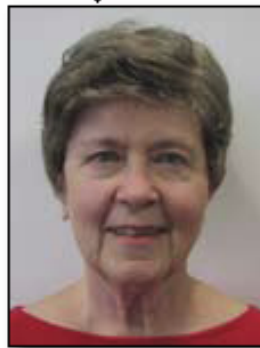


Genealogy Rocks!

Migration Trails Can Solve Puzzles

The fun of family history is learning the story. Each person and each family is a different story. Whether from a foreign country or a place in America, people, our ancestors migrated. Migration trails can help us see part of the picture and answer some of the questions. It is fun to find out why did they do it, how did they do it?



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As we get to know our ancestor's birth, marriage, and death dates, our curiosity urges us to find out more about their life. How and where did they meet their spouse? Why did they live in a certain area? How did they migrate, how did they travel? What were their dreams?

These ROUTES can help determine some of these answers by telling us the following:

1. By what date did your ancestors appear in the location where records of the family have been found, compare this to each migration trail timeline.
2. What towns did each road pass through, and do you find your an-

cestral surname in any of those locations at the right time period? Check against census.

3. Remember that migrations sometimes occurred over many years, with people stopping and then moving along again. Find the recorded birth places of family members and again compare to the towns along the migration trails.

These websites are fun to read, study, and search.

<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~gentutor/trails.html> (general)

<http://www.cyndislist.com/migration> (general)

<http://www.octa-trails.org/> (Oregon/California)

<http://www.over-land.com/> (Colorado/Wyoming)

<http://noel.mcn.org/Westmoreland/MigrationTrails.htm> (Pennsylvania)

<http://www.santafetrailresearch.com/> (Santa Fe Trail)

https://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/US_Migration_Trails_and_Roads (general)

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