**BREAKING DOWN BRICK WALLS**

We want to thank all those who participated in our recent NAGS Zoom meeting on Brick Walls. We had a great discussion and were able to share ideas on how to break those brick walls we all have in our genealogy.

As a follow-up, here are some resources for further ideas on brick walls. We hope this will prove helpful in your research.

1. Whoareyoumadeof.com—Tips for Breaking Down Brick Walls in Genealogy

These tips are listed on the site as well as further information on each tip.

\*Talk to family members—AGAIN

\*Go back to basics

\*DNA

\*Compare notes with other relatives researching the same ancestor

\*Start a family newsletter

\*Re-examine records

\*Look at old maps

\*Put yourself in the shoes of the immigrant

\*Check the newspaper

\*Check the phone book or directory

\*Don’t depend on the index record—view original image

\*Track down witnesses

\*Research the cemetery

\*Learn about your ancestor’s neighbors

\*Did you immigrant return to visit home

\*Don’t ignore image-only records

\*Keep track of your research

\*Read about local history

\*Go to church

\*Hunt for property or land records

\*Revisit your assumptions

\*Search for your ancestor on Google

\*Find living descendants on social media

\*Research brothers and sisters of target ancestors

\*DON’T GIVE UP

1. Genealogyguide.com

\*10 More Tips to Breaking Down a Brick Wall—includes a video from Christa Cowan from Ancestry.com

\*Quick Tips for Breaking Through Your Genealogy Brick Walls”

1. *Advanced Genealogy Research Techniques* by George G. Morgan & Drew Smith (New York: McGraw Hill Education, 2014

This book is available as an e-book at Prescott Public Library through Libby or Overdrive and has a wealth of information about breaking down brick walls.

1. *Tracing Your Ancestors’ Lives: A guide to Social History for Family Historians* by Barbara J. Starmans

This book is also available as an e-book from the Prescott Public Library.

1. *Tracing Your Ancestors From 1066-1837: A Guide for Family Historians* by Jonathan Oates

Again, this book is available as an e-book from the Prescott Public Library.

We hope these sources will give you more insight into how to break down those brick walls you have. HAPPY RESEARCHING