

**Cass County**  
**Genealogical Society**  
**Newsletter July 2020**

**Hello members,**

The Atlantic Public Library is now open at regular hours. Masks and social distancing are required.

If/when you move, furniture and supplies are set where you think you want them. Often changes are made as you live in and use the space. Some of that is happening in the Genealogy Room. Additional lighting and wall hangings are two items on the list.

LaVon, President

**Cass Genealogy – Atlantic History Center**

There are close ties between the Cass County Genealogical Society and Atlantic Rock Island Society Enterprise (ARISE).

A recent example relates to a cardboard box labeled Nelson Auto Service which was donated to the Atlantic History Center, a part of ARISE. The box contained unidentified photos, framed certificates showing completion of cosmetology school for two women and a notebook of hand written notes from a class at the University of Wisconsin and more.

Carolyn Key jumped into action to find ties between the box and Atlantic history. Nelson Auto Service was located at 211 Chestnut Street now a dental business. The owner's son graduated from Atlantic High School and received a PhD from the University of Wisconsin in Economics. He did work in anti-trust investigations for the U. S. government. Sometimes his expertise was needed about auto parts. There is much more to the story.

**GPS**

Five elements of the Genealogical Proof Standard are listed below. Call it GPS or just know that the elements are guidelines for successful research.

1. **Reasonably exhaustive research.** Does the fact in question come from multiple sources and what is the quality of those sources? For example, if a birth record is substantiated by a family member, an original church record, and a record in a state birth index, the confidence that the birth date is correct increases substantially.
2. **Citation of sources.** Once you have your sources, write down where you got the information from wherever you are storing your facts (in your tree). Include the title of the record, author if applicable, year of publication, and where the record is kept along with the attached original record.
3. **Analysis and correlation of information.** Does your fact fit together with other facts in your tree? Does it make sense? Are the sources reliable?
4. **Resolution of conflicts.** This one is closely tied to number three. Have you been able to address and resolve the discrepancies you found during the analysis or any new discrepancies that arise? Are there any other conflicts you need to address?
5. **Conclusion and presentation.** If you have a particularly troublesome or complicated fact, make sure that you write up the process that you followed to arrive at your conclusion somewhere in your family tree.

Information is from Family History Daily  
<https://familyhistorydaily.com>

To get your family tree done quickly, run for political office. :)

**Note from Mary**

Have you ever been so frustrated with researching a person and decide to just "GOOGLE" their name? Recently I had quiet the surprise when I did that. Having several different lines leading back to Massachusetts/Maine very early days I was getting lost. I was curious about a Lazarus Rowe and not able to find much about him. After Googling his name this popped up in a most unexpected place.

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**On the 14<sup>th</sup> Sept. in Limington, Mr. Lazarus Rowe, aged 104.** Mr. R. was a native of Greenland, New Hampshire, and was one of the first settlers of Baldwin, in Maine, where he lived till within about two years since. His wife, Molly Rowe, who died last spring, was born in the same year with her husband, namely, 1725. They were married at the age of 18, and consequently lived together 86 years. It is presumed that the United States do not contain another man and wife who have lived so long in the conjugal state. They reared a numerous family, and saw their descendants of the fifth generation. Their youngest son is now a pensioner of the revolutionary army. In early life the old man was a soldier in the French and Indian wars. Mr. R. was small in stature, but possessed of great muscular powers; his energy and agility were very remarkable. ---- (The article was originally printed in the *Connecticut Courant* 29 Sep 1829, Hartford Ct.)

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While searching for a man named Nick Bartles who died in Cass County and is buried in Reno Methodist Cemetery I find a big discrepancy in his age. Findagrave says he was born April 9, 1842 and died December 27, 1880. He served in the Civil War so I looked those records up and the Armed Forces Graves Registration Record

says he was born in 1810 was 70 years old and died December 27, 1880 and buried in the Reno Methodist cemetery. So we must figure out which age is correct. Census would indicate he is closer in age to being born in 1842 than 1810. Just goes to show that most records, whether government or other, are only as accurate as the information given to them.

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Taken from *Reminiscences of a Long Life (Early Days in Brighton Township)* by Wilbur H. Sarsfield

**Politics-1892**

Grover Cleveland was elected president in 1892. Father was a Republican and Uncle Jake Fudge, living south of us, was a Democrat. They were best of friends and had heated and sometimes hilarious arguments over the issues of their respective parties. After the election, one evening Uncle Jake and his hired man came to our house and stood in the doorway talking but did not come in. They went up to Mr. Locke's, also a Republican, and repeated the performance. Next morning the screen door knobs at both places were decorated with bows of black crepe paper. The Locke family was very much disturbed, there had been rumors in certain circles of a religious uprising on some secret date. They were relieved when they found out who the culprit was.

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*The Atlantic Telegraph*, January 15, 1880

A young married man of Atlantic was sent to order some ground pepper. The grocer asked him how much he wanted. "O, put up about three dollars' worth." The astonished grocer wrapped up the pepper, but remarked to the clerk in a whisper that "he'd bet that lunatic's wife would make it hot for him when he got home."