



Dear Adam

Hello! I am Charlie Wilson, registrant of the Southgate one-name study and volunteer Publicity Manager for the Guild of One-Name Studies. Each month I hope to provide some interesting reading and temptations to dig deeper into your surname bearers.

Genealogy assignments

I have been busily writing this month - setting myself the goal of creating the first entry in my biographical "Book of Southgates" before the end of May.

I know, "Book of Southgates" sounds awfully grand!

But giving myself a goal to create detailed biographies of at least some of the people in my study is proving to be a great learning experience.

I've come up with some guidelines for myself, and I hope they might be of use if you are thinking of adding some narrative detail to your family trees.

Charles Larwill Southgate

Charles Larwill
Southgate was born on 30th July 1861 in Brooklyn, New York. The family were living on Montrose Avenue, in the same property as Jesseiah Larwill.

Charles was baptised in St Mary's Church, Nottingham on 25th February 1866 - he was residing in Newcastle Street, where several members of the Southgate family had lived over the years.

Charles' father John was listed on the Civil War Draft in 1863, living at 1 Montrose Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, the same residence as his wife's family, but by 1865 the family had returned to England.

Perhaps this was a way of escaping the war, but regardless of the reasons, the family found themselves in Nottingham for the next few years.

By 1870 the family had returned to New York, and were living in Brooklyn Ward 21. Charles was 9, and attending school.

Charles' brothers **William and Alfred** were registered in England in 1865 and 1868 respectively.

- 1850 United States Federal Census, Brooklyn Ward 21, 4mg, New York, page 228
- Nottingham Baptism, 05/02/1866
- National Archives and Records Administration (NARA), Washington, D.C., Consolidated Lists of Civil War Draft Registration Records (Personal Member Search) Series: Consolidated Enrollment Lists, 1863-1865; Records Group: 103; NAID: 421216; Archive Reference Number: 2, 3, 4, 5, 207
- British Army Soldiers for the War of 1861-1865 (1861-1865), compiled by LAM, "Yorkshire Army and Soldier Database, ca. 1861-18, 2007", Database: FamilySearch (https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSK3-9?i=195489) | 13 February 2023, -image 1 of 4.

(Still a work in progress, but it is so much fun making a presentation of Charles' life)

Choose a format

I like timelines and I'm adding in small "newsflash" articles with the details beyond the dates and places

Use lots of images

Look for old photographs of their house, or illustrations of tools they may have used in their trade.

Map out where your ancestor lived

You can do this in Google Maps, or on paper. If they moved a lot, research how they would have travelled and how long the journey might have taken.

Include the trivial as well as the vital records

Clowning on July 4th, and a win at a dog show are not vital waypoints in Charles' life, but add interest and colour.

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1950 US Federal Census

By now, most genealogists will have seen the hype about the newly released 1950 US Federal Census.



On 1st June we would love you to join us as Marian Burk Wood tells us all the ins and outs of the census, how to search it efficiently, and some fascinating background to this invaluable resource. Registration for the online webinar is now open [here](#).

Researching Jewish Genealogy Sources

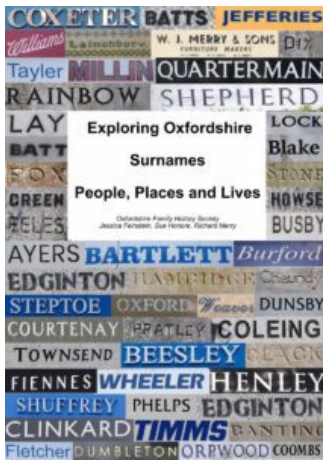
We are also booking for our July webinar. On the 6th, Jeanette Rosenberg, OBE, will speak about naming practices, surname adoption, name changes and some of the Jewish genealogy one-name studies.

She will also provide information about useful Jewish genealogy sources and resources that people with non-Jewish genealogy specific one name studies can use for their research and one name studies. Learn more and book [here](#).



Oxfordshire DNA & Surnames Projects

Finally, the recording for our previous seminar, learning about the Oxfordshire DNA & Surnames Projects is still available to view on our website [here](#).



If you are not able to view the webinar, then I recommend visiting the [OFHS website](#) to learn more about the project - and maybe preorder the book?!

Guild News

This month we have seven new one-name study registrations to share with you. They are listed below. Do any appear in your own research? If so, the registrants would love to hear from you and they can be contacted by searching for the surname here:

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BLAXILL
BROWNJOHN
CRESSEY
HART

RANKINE
TRAVERS
WOODINGTON

An unusual resource you may not have heard of

A great way to illustrate your genealogical musings is with images of churches or other buildings or places that have links to your ancestors.

Of course, it is important to make sure that any image you use is copyright-free and properly attributed, and for the UK at least, [geograph.org.uk](#) makes this super easy.

The site "aims to collect geographically representative photographs and information for every square kilometre of Great Britain and Ireland" and is a treasure trove of lovely photographs.

Geograph: photograph every grid square!