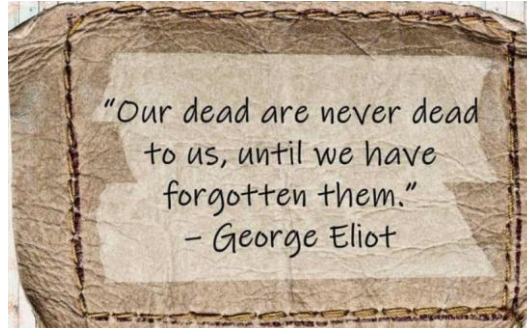


## Lighten Up Genealogists with Some Humor: *We All Need It from Novice to Expert!*

We all need/deserve a break especially since genealogy can be challenging even on “good/bad hair days.” In this Facebook group of 152 subscribers, I have given you all much to read and study since May, 2019 with vibrant techniques, research tips and abundant resource materials. At best, you probably are hesitating to open up my future postings. So I dedicated this post as evidence that I am indeed human. And maybe others will follow in the future. Note: I have repented and want to instill the fun side of family history by sharing some neat genealogical jokes and quotes to enliven the “ Spirit of Elijah” for your renewed enthusiasm for more of my future posts. Yes, my wife has been married to me for over 52 years and has put up with my ultra high speed manic family history endeavors through much of our retirement monies spent on many, many wide speculative genealogical activities. Some yielding fantastic results while others in providing valuable lessons to share with you based on my first-hand experiences.

**Genealogy**  
because  
**Raising the Dead** &  
MISSING TWINS  
**Annoying the Living**  
are my  
**Favorite Past Times**



### Let's Break The Ice with Humor

1. “My ancestors are so hard to find, they must have been in a witness protection program!”
2. Eventually, all genealogists come to their census.
3. Genealogists: The only people who are excited to read obituaries.
4. “Done! Everything in the family tree has been found and is completely organized” — said no genealogist. Ever.
5. Genealogist: Disturbs the dead and irritates the living.
6. Genealogy is like playing hide and seek: They hide... we seek!
7. “I’m not stuck, I’m ancestrally challenged.”
8. Gene-Allergy: It’s a contagious disease, but we love it.
9. Genealogy: Where the answer to one problem leads to two more!
10. “My husband calls cemeteries ancestor farms.”

### Deserted—Converted

Does your wife spend her life in a library

Is her nose always deep in a book?

Serving left-overs, late, for your luncheon,

Can she no longer be bothered to cook?

Does she seek an affair with the postman?

Do your overtures meet with riposte?

It is not for his visits she's yearning

But the letters of love in the post.

Can you no longer enter your study?

Does the desk overflow to the floor?  
With details that beg comprehension  
Of persons obscure and of yore.

And does she incessantly babble

About things of which you don't give a toss,  
Of a long dead illiterate auntie  
Who witnessed a Will with a cross.

Well! You've had it! I might as well tell you.

Usurped and degraded like me.  
A genealogical widower,  
You take second place to a tree.

No! I don't mean a gum or a wattle,

Of chain-saws it taketh no heed!  
It's a sort of ancestral pyramid  
Extolling man's penchant to breed!

I'm forming an organization

For dissident folks such as I  
Whose spouses have left them to follow  
The all-seeing God I.G.I.

What's that dear? Related to convicts?

Great great grandad was with the First Fleet?  
His son was the first mayor of Bunyip  
And one of the nation's elite?

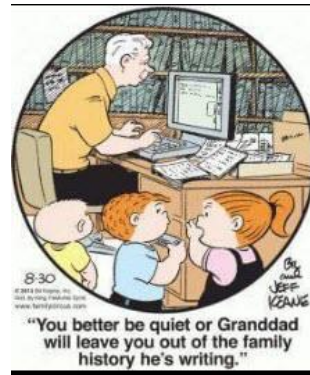
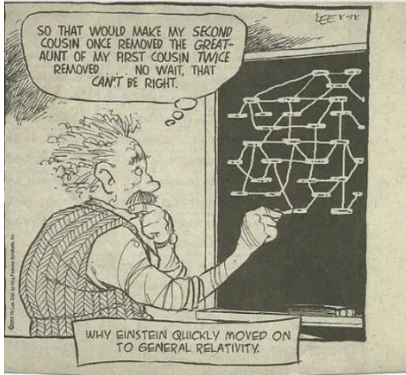
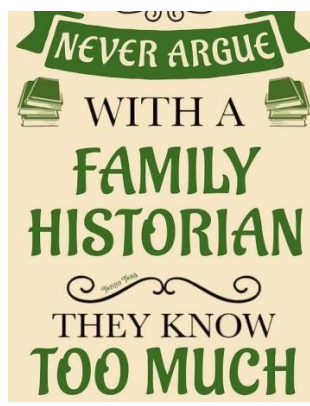
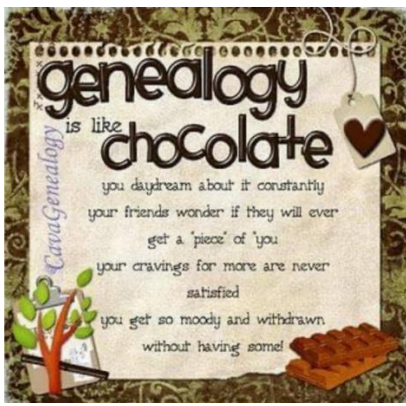
His ancestors crossed with The Conquest?

I'm related to dukes by the score?  
It's amazing this family history!  
Incredible! Do tell me more!

—Author Unknown

### **Closing Comment**

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**THE GENEALOGY DISEASE**

**SYMPTOMS** : Continual complaint as to need for names, dates and places. Patient has a blank expression, sometimes deaf to spouse and children. Has no taste for work of any kind, except feverishly looking through records at libraries & courthouses & scanning genealogical websites. Has compulsion to write letters & e-mail. Swears at postman when no mail is left & at computer when there is no e-mail. Frequents strange places such as cemeteries, ruins, & remote, desolate country areas. Makes secret night calls, hides credit bills from spouse, & mumbles to self. Has strange, faraway look in eyes.

**TREATMENT** : Medication is useless. Disease is not fatal, but gets progressively worse. Patient should attend genealogy workshops, subscribe to genealogical magazines & newspapers, frequent genealogical chat-rooms, and be given a quiet corner in the house where he or she can be alone.

**REMARKS** : *The unusual nature of this disease is : the sicker the patient gets, the more he or she enjoys it!*

