



Ask Your United States Research Question

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Question 1:

What happened to Everett Tolliver, after he lost his Columbus, Franklin County, Ohio land in 1853/1854? His mortgagee testified on 2 January 1854 that the Tolliver family resided in Franklin County, and when she "last heard of him [he] was residing at Buffalo," [Erie County], New York. Everett, a mulatto, bought a city lot from his brother, Western Tolliver in 1844. He and his wife, Martha, mortgaged the property, satisfied the loan, and re-mortgaged the land several times. In 1850 Everett was enumerated in Columbus with the name Edward Falison, and apparent wife, Martha, and children, Susan, 10, Paul, 8, Virginia, 2, Nancy, 6/12, and Barnett H., 3. Edward Toliver married Mary Duffy in Franklin County. In 1853 Everett Tolliver and his wife, Mary, (note new wife) mortgaged land in Columbus. To clarify, Everett Tolliver and Edward Falison are the same man. Everett was born about 1819 in Fauquier County, Virginia. In directories. So far I don't know what happened to his wife, Martha, or daughters, Susan, and Virginia. I think I may have found Nancy. I know Paul and Barnett. But what happened to Everett?

1. Probate in Erie County, New York for Everett Tolliver.
2. How old was Everett in 1850? Born about 1820. Not found in 1860 and 1870.
3. Mortality Schedules for 1860 and 1870. Only include 12 months prior to the census.
4. Probate records for Columbus, Ohio.
5. City directories after 1850 to see when he is gone.
6. Buffalo City directories at Ancestry. Start in 1861.
7. Columbus City library they may have fiche directories that can be ordered to your public library.
8. New York State 1855 census.
9. Columbus City Library for newspapers for that time period. See if they have any newspaper indexes they may have. Newspaper websites out there.
Newspaperarchive.com, newspapers.com News.google.com/newspapers, Chronicling America at the Library of Congress
10. Fulton County Postcard websites.
11. Obituaries for Paul and Barnett for information about their siblings.
12. If Everett dies does Martha remarry? Then follow her with her new married name.
13. Check The Ancestor Hunt for a directory of newspapers online.
14. Court records for Columbus and Buffalo.
15. Tax lists for both places to see if he's paying taxes.
16. Do a first name search for Everett to see if his last name was totally spelled incorrectly.
17. Could be a veteran. He would have been 41 at the start of the war. Civil War in Ohio or New York probably served for the Union. Ancestry.com has indexes available. See if there is a pension for his wife.

18. Stevemorse.org website is good for doing first name searches.
19. If Martha does remarry the children may be listed with the surname of the new husband.
20. What happened to the brother and his information? You may be able to find what happened to Everett with the brother's information.
21. Obituaries for this time period are not the best but still look for them.
22. Look for cemetery records, findagrave for Martha also for Everett. Find an obit for the brother to see if it mentions anything about his brother.
23. Martha's death funeral homes.
24. Divorce records to see if he divorced Martha.
25. Church records for marriage records.
26. Baptist, Methodist, Methodist Episcopal, churches in the area.
27. Look for state statutes for divorce petitions.
28. Historical or genealogical society to see what church records they have in their collections.
29. County histories for the area. They may have a section on what churches were in the area during the time period when your ancestor was there. Also see if the churches in that area still exist.
30. Non population censuses for the area. See Ancestry Academy for a tutorial.
31. Ethnic newspapers. See what universities have in terms of newspapers.

Question 2:

My 8th great-grandfather, Edmund Nicholson b abt 1612 in Bootle, Cumberland, England, and his wife Elizabeth Simson and a few children, arrived in America about 1640 and settled in Marblehead, Essex County, Massachusetts. I would like to research further back but don't know where to start.

1. Marriages in Cumberland County, England. Search for the mother and father's marriage record in Cumberland, England.
2. Christenings for the children. Familysearch.org has a lot of indexes to England parish registers.
3. American Ancestors.org check for prior research.
4. The Great Migration Begins may give information about where they came from England.
5. The Great Migration Directory see if a public library might have it. Search Worldcat.org Info on the Directory. It can be purchased at the following link: <http://shop.americanancestors.org/collections/great-migration/products/the-great-migration-directory?pass-through=true>
6. FamilySearch catalog for the town of Marblehead to see if they are available digitally to use.
7. findmypast has a lot of British records. Ancestry.com does also.
8. For Bootle, we only have bishop transcripts that start in 1690. Check the Cumberland Record Office at <http://www.cumberlandarchives.co.uk/>
9. Genuki for Bootle: <http://www.genuki.org.uk/big/eng/CUL/Bootle>

Question 3:

1899 - 1952 Have issue locating death about January 1951 near Mobile, Alabama for Helen Katherine Rogers. She married Lawrence Newell Huckleberry but they separated after 1942. Have info she went to Georgia, then Alabama. Have found she was adopted by Levi Rogers and Mary Memering Rogers. Her mother's name was Mayme Thomas - found on records for incarceration in Girls reformatory 1915-1919. She had given birth to a son in 1915 who she gave up for adoption. His name was Charles Forest Barker. Looking for death and adoption records that I am told are sealed. Correspondence with my grandfather believed she lied about her husband being dead and may have remarried in Alabama (Pritchard?).

1. Marriage records for Helen Rogers in Pritchard.
2. Facebook.com DNA Detectives helps you with DNA. Search Squad has search angels who will help you with adoption records and requesting your non-identifying adoption information.
3. Directory of laws by state: <http://buildingyourfamily.com/adoption-laws-state/>
4. Alabama death indexes: A first name search or look for individuals who died in Pritchard.
5. City directories for Pritchard.
6. Even if she didn't remarry she may take on the surname of her significant other.
7. Find an obituary for the Helen Gibson that may tell you if she is your relative or not.
8. Findagrave.com
9. DNA test to look for cousins.
10. Social Security Application and Claims Index at Ancestry.com
11. Trace Mayme did she have any children?
12. Contact the children of Helen's daughters to see if they know anything about what happened to Helen.
13. Alabama Online Historical Newspapers at Ancestor Hunt: http://www.theancestorhunt.com/blog/alabama-online-historical-newspapers-summary#.V_PrMKKg0mM
14. Daughters were all born in Beech Grove, Indiana, all before 1940. Alma Newell, Estella Mae, Thelma Marie, Zenda M. Huckleberry.
15. Check newspapers for names in the court calendars to see if the husband tried to get a divorce from her. Newspapers would have been published to indicate he was divorcing her.

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