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THE MAN WHO WOULD BE PAKKUN

Once upon a time, there was a young man, born and raised in Colorado Springs named Patrick Harlan who attended Harvard University. He actually graduated with a degree in Comparative Study of Religion. So how in the world did this young man get to be a well-known American entertainer in JAPAN? Actually, he is a comedian, actor and voice actor, TV personality, and an adjunct professor at Tokyo's premier Institute of Technology, teaching Communications and International Relations. And, he's only 49 years old!

Well, it is a rather unusual story of how all this came about. In 1993, Patrick traveled to Japan with the Harvard Glee Club (so he can sing, too?) He must have been quite impressed with Japan, because he went back in 1995 to live in the city of Fukui and to teach at an English conversation school. Determined to learn Japanese, he studied for two years on his own and passed the highest Japanese Proficiency Test in the country. Then, in 1996, he decided it was time to head for Tokyo to pursue a career in acting.



In time, he met and teamed up with a Japanese man to form a comedy duo called Pack'n Mack'n. Patrick plays the role of boke, or funny man, and his partner is the *tsukkomi*, or the straight man. The state

name of Pakkun developed from his comedy name of Pack'n. Even with his command of the Japanese language, it took him a while to grasp the Japanese sense of humor. "What I thought was right and funny

is not always going to be funny here," he said, adding that he has cultivated a style specific to the Japanese audience. "The first couple of years were really kind of intense for me, with a steep learning curve."

Patrick married a lovely Japanese woman named Mei Koinuma in 2004, and they have two children, a boy Rigel (12) and a girl named Arista (10). Mei manages the family business (Patrick's career) and does the typical activities an American mom would do—PTA officer, supervises piano, calligraphy, soccer and ballet lesson and practice, and sees that the kids get to all of their activities. Rigel, in middle school, plays baseball, ping pong, and trumpet, and has played a fish and Toto (Dorothy's dog in the Wizard of Oz) in school musicals. Arista plays basketball and runs cross-country, enjoys dance, cheerleading, and sings in a musical troupe, including some solo work.

But back to Patrick—he keeps busy, adding another course in International Relations Theory to his TIT teaching, and did a slot on live TV for 2 ½ hours every morning for six months, has met the former Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, and Ambassador Caroline Kennedy at an intimate lunch where he also got to discuss comedy with David Letterman, and was on hand when President Obama



delivered a historic address at the Hiroshima Peace Memorial. Patrick has been featured on the cover of Newsweek Japan, and wrote 15 pages for the same issue, where he examined the pronounced absence of political humor in Japan, and then tried to partially remedy that with a series of humorous summaries of

world leaders. He has also written three books on the topic of communication. The third one just came out in January of this year on listening. “His wife had some things to say about the irony of *him* writing about *that*. At least he thinks she did, but he wasn’t really listening.” 😊

In addition to acting as host and co-host of a number of TV programs, Harlan wears the hat of a serious commentator on social and political issues, including gay marriage and collective self-defense. Having majored in comparative religion, he has also commented on religious conflicts in the Middle East and the rising influence of the Islamic State group.

When asked if he might ever be back to live in the U.S., he says he doesn’t think so, and that he doesn’t think he would be happier anywhere else. Indeed, he and his wife built a house in central Tokyo about seven years ago. First they had to sink 5-meter-deep concrete pillars in 50 locations across the property to harden the land in case of earthquakes, and then it was consecrated in a Shinto ceremony.

Harlan says ordinarily Japanese people are “very cheerful” and “laughing all the time,” and he finds it fun to interact with them. He wants to encourage Japanese youth to actively engage with people around the world. “Japanese have realized there is a necessity to communicate, and the need for creativity,” said Harlan. “What I’m teaching now (at TIT) is one of my goals in life—to help improve Japanese people’s communication skills.

About the Harlans, Patrick has this to say, “I do know my lineage to a point and still have a great ongoing relationship with my dad Raymond, and his side of the family (Dad’s father Ross, his father Edgar...George Harlan b. 1714). I have the big green Harlan book and even a Harlan 300th Reunion T-shirt purchased at the reunion by my dad and dutifully folded away in a box by me.”

Patrick Harlan has obviously found his niche in Japanese culture and on the entertainment scene, and is a mighty unique and interesting Harlan!



Patrick in a TV drama, playing the part of William Griffith, an American contemporary of Josiah Harlan (The Man Who Would Be King) who went to

Japan to teach in the 19th century.



Patrick with his family

You can watch Patrick on these YouTube videos, among others.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5CRBbJWVejc>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RVBo2MwgE3s>

HARLAN HEROES

During this time of the COVID-19 pandemic, we are happy to share stories of Harlans who are serving on the front lines, fighting the disease in hospitals, labs, and care facilities, giving extra of themselves to educate students who are homebound, keeping our grocery stores open, counseling those who are in mental health crises, driving ambulances, policing the streets, sewing masks for those who have none, helping senior citizens get the food and medicines they need, and so on. To these and many, many others who are giving of themselves so courageously, we thank you with all our hearts for the sacrifices you are making and pray that you will remain safe and healthy through this ordeal.

Chris Fluetsch (#7447-5-2-1) and **Sarah Fluetsch Gehrke** (#7447-5-2-2) are both teachers working hard from home to deliver meaningful lessons to their students. It was with great sadness that teachers and students left each other suddenly and are no longer able to connect in person. I know all of you parents at home with your children are also heroes as you support your children as learners at home. *(submitted by Pat Fluetsch)*

Our very own Harlan Board Member **Nancy Harlan Gooding** is a cardiac nurse and seeing

patients in Augusta, GA with a high risk for serious complications from COVID. Her daughter in law, **Rachel Gooding**, is an ER PA on the very frontlines! Their families are very proud of them but say that they come from a long line of healthcare workers, but on our maternal, non-Harlan lines!

(submitted by Nancy's sister Jane Harlan)



Heather Harlan is a nurse in Walnut Creek, California. She is normally in orthopedics, but during the current emergency, she works in medical and surgical wards including with COVID-19 patients. Heather is the daughter of William (Bill) Harlan, who writes frequently for The Harlan Record. She

is pleased that with the flattening of the curve in this area, she is seeing more elective surgeries. As she says, it was nothing special, just doing what she loves to do. The community has responded with appreciation. *(submitted by her dad, Bill Harlan)*

Lt. Colonel Anne Marie Sterling, the daughter of Mary Margaret Harlan Olney and Peter Olney of Mill Creek, WA, manages the clinical laboratory at WOMACK Army medical Center, Ft. Bragg, Fayetteville, NC. All COVID-19 testing on the base has been done in their own labs, so Anne Marie has been working long hours as she manages the lab, procures needed supplies, and works closely with her superiors. The base is home to about 35,000 soldiers, and all soldiers returning from deployment overseas are quarantined for 14 days at Ft. Bragg, also. Anne Marie comments that, "Lab tests are the weapons in this war against an invisible enemy." She has two sisters who are also in healthcare, though not as critically with COVID-19 as she is. Allison, a NICU nurse, is thankful that they have had no tiny babies with the virus yet, and Mandy, a PT, has worked with a few patients who have had the disease, and is aware of staff in other areas of her facility that have tested positive or become ill with COVID-19. *(submitted by Dorothy Sperry)*



Robin Harlan Covey (Harlan #7447-63) has been a restaurateur in San Luis Obispo County, California, for several decades. He currently has three different restaurants in the city of San Luis Obispo (SLO). His main restaurant, and probably the best known, is

Novo. The restaurants had to close due to the virus. He usually has about 200 employees but now has only 10-12 people working. But Robin is civic-minded and has figured out ways to help the community. The front part of Novo has become a small market. They sell fresh foods that Robin gets each day at the large SLO farmers market and also takeout food from the restaurant. He has also joined other local restaurants in an effort they call Feeding SLO Frontliners. The volunteer effort is designed to get meals to healthcare workers in the area. Robin has also personally delivered meals to fire stations. Way to go Robin! *(submitted by Steve Harrison)*

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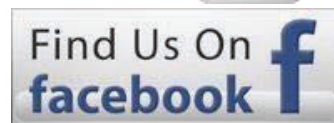
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ELIJAH “BUD” HARLAN: OUR KENTUCKY CONNECTION

As you have probably heard, the 2022 Harlan Family Reunion is being planned for Lexington, Kentucky. Kentucky was a magnet for the early Harlans, as many of them were farmers, and they were always looking for more land to farm. One such pioneer was Elijah Harlan (#842) who was born in Lincoln County, Kentucky in 1792, the same year Kentucky became the 15th state in the Union. His son, James Lawson Harlan (#2947), a cousin of Chief Justice John Marshall Harlan, was born in Kentucky in 1828. James saw fit to name one of his 10 children Elijah “Bud” Harlan (#7374). This large, extended Harlan clan lived near Danville, Boyle County, which is one hour’s drive southwest of Lexington. The Danville Cemetery, now known as Bellevue Cemetery, is the final resting place of many Harlans, including all of the above mentioned. While doing research in period newspapers on the Danville Harlans, I found details about the death of Elijah “Bud” Harlan in Kansas in 1887. The following memorial tribute clearly speaks to the quality of so many Harlans and does so in the graceful language of that time.

"IN MEMORIAM. Elijah Harlan, son of James L. and Lettie M. Harlan, died near Whiting, Kansas of pneumonia, February 2, 1887, and was brought home and buried in the Danville cemetery [aka Bellevue Cemetery]. He was born in Boyle County, Feb. 23, 1859. He was sick but a few days. Though a long way from home, he was among friends who administered to him and nursed him with the tenderest care. All that skill and friendship could do was done, but in vain.

Removing to the West in 1884, he engaged in cattle and stock raising and general farming, and at the time [of] his death had reached a condition of assured success. His habits were good - temperate, moral, generous, industrious and brave. He soon became popular in his new home, for he made friends readily, and won and sustained the respect of the community. Everyone with whom he came in contact, whether socially or in business, formed a liking for him. During the past summer some of his cattle were stolen, and in answer to a reward the officers arrested the principal guilty party, who

proved to be an old man [Mr. Beal] of the neighborhood. The evidence was clear and conviction resulted. On account of his age, Harlan offered to petition for his pardon if he would divulge the names of the gang, but this the old man refused to do. Notwithstanding this and his heavy losses, his kind heart moved him to interfere to lighten the old man's punishment, which he did by securing a reduction [of the sentence] to the lowest period allowed. The West would have been his permanent abode, but his affection for home increased with years. Time and distance did not lessen his love for parents, brothers and sisters, as is too often the case with many who go far away. He was always the same affectionate open-hearted and genial "Bud" he was at the old home of his boyhood. The familiar name of Bud, which seemed to be appropriate to his generous, loving and lovable nature, followed him to his new home in the far West, and clung to him to the last; and there, as here, he will be remembered as the noble, generous and kind-hearted "Bud" Harlan." (Copied from the *Kentucky Advocate*, Danville,

Kentucky, February 18, 1887.)

Harlan Family Association President Pat Fluetsch stands next to the monumental grave marker for James Harlan and his wife Lettie during a 2019 visit to Bellevue Cemetery in Danville, Kentucky.



Elijah Harlan (1859-1887) is buried in Bellevue Cemetery near his parents. A memorial (#111528076) for him can be found at [findagrave.com](https://www.findagrave.com).

(by Steve Harrison)

Just because people are doing extraordinary things doesn't mean they're not ordinary people.

Laird Hamilton, surfer

I am a slow walker, but I never walk back.

Abraham Lincoln, U.S. president

BUFFALO TRACE DISTILLERY TOUR

I went to Lexington just prior to our Philadelphia reunion with a dear friend to scout the area and see what it had to offer for the Lexington 2022 reunion. One of the things we decided to do was a bourbon distillery tour.

We chose Buffalo Trace Distillery because neither of us had been there and it was relatively close to Lexington. We got there and signed up for a tour--and waited and shopped for the 45 minutes prior to the tour.

Our tour guide was a gentleman by the name of Freddie Johnson. Little did we know at that point what a treat we were in for. The tour started with a basic review of what distinct qualities go into making bourbon whiskey (see Record #54). We also discussed the entire process from the selection of the grains to the aging of the bourbon in the barrels and eventual packaging, as well as the history of the Buffalo Trace Distillery.

Buffalo Trace Distillery has a rich history. It is over 200 years old and claims to be the oldest continuously operating distillery in the US (that includes during prohibition -- when bourbon was produced for "medicinal purposes"). The name comes from an ancient buffalo crossing over the Kentucky River (yes, buffalo were abundant in the area many years ago). The buildings are on the National Register of Historic Places and designated a National Historic Landmark. The distillery has changed hands and names several times in 200 years. If you are a bourbon lover there are several names of master distillers you may recognize who are associated with Buffalo Trace--Col. E. H. Taylor, Col. Albert B. Blanton, George T. Stagg, William Larue Weller, and Elmer T. Lee--just to name a few. The current master distiller is a gentleman by the name of Harlen Wheatley. With the first name of Harlen you can't help but wonder if he could be a relation.

Our guide Freddie was a delightful and very knowledgeable tour guide. He is a 3rd generation Buffalo Trace man, and traced his roots back several generations for us. Prior to the end of slavery, it was discovered that a plantation owner by the name of Colonel West was romantically involved with a slave cook, Mary Ballinger. When the Civil War and slavery ended, Mary was given land to sustain her

family near the current Buffalo Trace Distillery. Freddie's grandfather, James "Jimmy" B. Johnson Sr. was a relative of Mary. He began working with Colonel Alfred Blanton in 1912 and became the first African American warehouse foreman in Kentucky. He was a trusted employee and frequently traveled with Col. Blanton. His Irish features and light skin made this possible during the time of segregation. His son, James "Jimmy" B. Johnson Jr., began working at Buffalo Trace in 1936 and became one of the first African American warehouse supervisors in Kentucky.

Freddie was Jimmie B. Jr's son and grew up around the distillery. His earliest memory of the distillery was at the age of 5 with his grandfather. Growing up in Frankfort he attended the Rosenwald Laboratory School--a school designed to give descendants of slaves an opportunity for a better education during segregation. Freddie had a real affinity and interest in electricity and ended up being a network/operations engineer for AT&T. In 2002, he left a successful career to return home to care for his father, who was terminally ill and also to fulfill a promise he had made to his father- to return to Buffalo Trace as a 3rd generation employee. He has been a highly successful and sought-after tour guide for Buffalo Trace since that time. The distillery even put up a display honoring the 3 generations of the Johnson family who have worked there. In 2018 Freddie Johnson was inducted into the Bourbon Hall of Fame. The news release described him as a man of honor, knowledge, kindness, compassion and humor. This truly was an enormous honor.

Buffalo Trace Distillery produces a long list of different whiskey products. I refer you to their website for the complete list, however there are a few names that might be familiar--Buffalo Trace, Eagle Rare, Stagg, Blanton's Single Barrel, Elmer T. Lee Single Barrel, W. L. Weller, Old Charter and Pappy Van Winkle. You can't go wrong with any of these. If bourbon has not been your thing, I invite you to give it another try. Bourbon has experienced a sort of rebirth and has become wildly popular in recent years.

This tour was the highlight of our trip to Lexington that April weekend. It is 'luck of the draw' for your tour guide, and we felt very lucky to get Freddie. However, my research shows Buffalo Trace hires guides with many backgrounds and they are able to personalize their tours to fit their backgrounds. Those backgrounds include an ag

professor, a folklorist, a chemist, an engineer, a historian and a forester. I can't help but think the next tour might be just as good as the last...

(by Nancy Gooding)

KENTUCKY TRANSPARENT PIE

Transparent Pie first started appearing in newspapers and cookbooks in Kentucky in the 1890's and is a familiar recipe to many. In other parts of the country it may be known by another name-- chess pie, sugar pie, buttermilk pie or shoofly pie. The name for the pie apparently comes from the simplicity of the ingredients that would have been available on any farm. Actor George Clooney, who is from Maysville just north of Lexington, has helped make this pie famous. He has shipped the pie from Magee's Bakery in Maysville to sets and friends all over the world.

Transparent Pie

2 cups sugar
1 ½ sticks butter, at room temperature
½ cup cream
4 eggs
2 tsp flour
1 tsp vanilla
1 piecrust

Using an electric hand mixer, beat together butter and sugar until fully smooth, about 3 minutes. Add cream and eggs, beating until smooth, then stir in flour and vanilla with a large spatula. Pour filling into crust. Bake at 350 degrees until a golden-brown crust forms on top and a toothpick inserted comes out clean, about 45 minutes.

Luck is like having a rice dumpling fly into your mouth.

Japanese proverb

"If you really want to make a friend, go to someone's house and eat with him... the people who give you their food give you their heart."

Cesar Chavez

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I sit in my house looking out at the beautiful spring flowers in the yard writing this message to all of you. My hope is that each of you is enduring this new "abnormal" time. Prime Minister Sir Winston Churchill, during WWII said, "This is no time for ease and comfort. It is time to dare and endure." I think this quote is appropriate for today's world also.

The board thanks both Joe Hannon and Ken Harlan for their service to our organization. They have both retired from the board during the past 6 months. Joe Hannon and his wife LaRena of California first attended a board meeting in Reno, NV as preparations were being made for Reunion 320 in 2007. They took on the huge job of planning and leading the tours. Joe was elected to the board in 2007. He and LaRena joined the Harlan Heritage tour to England, Wales and Northern Ireland in 2018. Joe is proud to be a descendant of Thomas Harland.

Ken Harlan of Indiana joined the board in 2013 as we were making plans for Reunion 350 in Philadelphia. We were delighted to have someone with computer expertise who could become our web master. Over his years on the board Ken updated and corrected information on our web site. He was the person who enabled the organization to send out the Harlan Record electronically. The Harlan Family web site has a new web master. Evan Harrison of North Carolina has taken over Ken's position as web master. I am so very thankful we have another Harlan descendant to take over this very important job.

President Franklin D. Roosevelt said, "We have always held to the hope, the belief, the conviction that there is a better life, a better world, beyond the horizon." In the spirit of optimism, the Harlan Family in America board was planning on having their annual meeting in July in Lexington, KY, the site of our next national reunion. Because of the uncertainty of safe travels, we will now be conducting our meeting remotely. Wishing the best to all of you,
Pat Fluetsch.

"You don't need a silver fork to eat good food."

Paul Prudhomme

COINCIDENCE OR HEAVENLY INTERVENTION?

One of the newest members of the 90+ Club, Liz Sly, a Harlan Board Member Emeritus, describes how she first “found” the Harlan Family.

“How did we know about Harlans other than ourselves? Well, someone from somewhere typed up the introduction from the Harlan History and also copied the pages that related to our line, from the first George down through the ages to our own George, my grandfather, including my father and his siblings. We had onion skin copies, yellowed with age. There were no page numbers from the book, nor did we have any idea of the scope of the history—just our line.

Many years later (1988 or 1989?) it came to pass that we visited England and sought out St. Peter’s Church in Monkwearmouth. The church turned out to be located in an area of construction with tombstones having been taken up and piled against the church walls. We found a side door unlocked, went in and were sitting in the sanctuary, just soaking in the atmosphere, when the pastor came to investigate. I explained our mission as a family history trip, not mentioning any names, and he said, “Oh, you must be part of the *G R E A T* Harlan clan!” How did he know? Because the Harlans were the only Americans to visit his church! He knew all about the 1987 Celebration 300 in New Castle, as he had consulted with that. He told about the fire that had destroyed the ceiling of the church and that the Harlan Family had helped with the restoration, and he provided us the address of Lane Harlan. When we returned to New Jersey, I wrote to Lane, who gave me Peggy Talley's address. Peggy sent me a package of material about the 1987 reunion and the rest is history!

Bob and I joined in all the subsequent reunions, and as a member of the board, many of the planning sessions for them. We also traveled to England and Scotland, taking in many sites of Harlan significance. But serving on the Harlan Family Board and helping with the reunions gave us a great sense of belonging.”

Blessed is the man who can laugh at himself, for he will never cease to be amused.

Proverb found in many cultures.

INDIANA HARLAN ENLISTS THREE TIMES IN UNION ARMY

by Edward Harlan Wynn

Indiana was one of the earliest states in the Union to respond to President Lincoln’s initial call for 76,000 volunteers to put down “the rebellion.” Indiana’s initial quota was for 7,500 volunteers. This quota was quickly met and many thousands of potential volunteers were turned away to return to their homes disappointed. However, before the conflict ended, Indiana would be called on to provide 208,367 men, including many Harlan men, for service in the military.

The Civil War proved costly to the State of Indiana. More than 24,416 Hoosiers were killed or died during their service. More than twice that number returned home bearing disfiguring and debilitating wounds and scars.

To date, the author has identified more than 40 Harlan men who served with honor during this war. Several were killed in action and many were wounded. It is not practical to attempt to tell all of their stories in this article, so I have selected one Indiana volunteer who simply would not give up!

Zimri Harlan (#3814) was born in Parke County, Indiana on August 27, 1843. He was the third of eight children of Israel Gregg Harlan (#2278) and Mary Hunt.

Zimri first enlisted in the Union Army at the age of 18 years old as a Private in the 8th Battery, Indiana Light Artillery on November 12, 1861 in Hollandsburg, Indiana. His name first appears on the Battery Muster Roll on November 16, 1861. During May 1862, while on picket duty outside Corinth, Mississippi during the siege of that city, he came down with chills and fever. The fever seemed to settle in his right eye. On June 20, 1862, he was sent to a hospital in Tusculumbia, Alabama. Following treatment, he was discharged under a Surgeon’s Certificate from the Louisville Barracks, Kentucky, on July 18, 1862. He had lost the sight in his right eye and had a weakened left eye.

One year later, on July 23, 1863, Zimri reenlisted as a Private in Company B, 115th Indiana Infantry for

a six-month period. He first appeared on the Company Muster Roll dated August 5, 1863. His Regiment marched from Nicholasville, Kentucky to Cumberland Gap September 24-October 3, 1863, and to Morristown October 6-8. They were in action at Blue Springs, Tennessee on October 10th. His regiment was on duty at Greenville, Tennessee until November 6th. They then moved to Bull's Gap November 6th, and were on duty there until December. They marched across Clinch Mountain to the Clinch River in Eastern Tennessee. They again saw action at Walker's Ford on December 2nd. They were assigned to guard and patrol duty in East Tennessee until February, 1864. Zimri's Regiment was mustered out of the Union Army on February 25, 1864. Upon completion of his enlistment, he was charged \$2.45 for having "lost one haversack, one canteen and one piece of a shelter tent."

Three months later, on May 6, 1864 he enlisted for a third time as a Private in Company G, 133rd Indiana Infantry for a period of 100 days. He enlisted at Rockville Indiana. On May 17th Zimri was reclassified as a Musician. His Regiment was ordered to Tennessee and assigned to duty at Bridgeport, Alabama, as railroad guards, in the Department of the Cumberland. Zimri was mustered out September 5, 1864 in Indianapolis, Indiana, at which time he was charged \$.45 for "loss of camp and garrison equipment."

On October 12, 1865 Zimri was granted an "Invalid Pension of \$8.00 per month due to blindness in his right eye."

Before the conclusion of the Civil War, Indiana had assembled 126 infantry regiments, 26 batteries of artillery and 13 regiments of cavalry. Several of these regiments won national distinction and honor through their valiant efforts in the massive struggles of the war.

Zimri was a farmer in civilian life. On September 6, 1873 he married Hannah Jane Perry in Erie County, Pennsylvania. In 1886, Zimri and Hannah relocated from Indiana to Pennsylvania and in 1890 they were living near Hornby, Pennsylvania. Records from 1892 indicate that he was the Postmaster of Hornby.

Zimri and Hannah had two daughters, Katie May Harlan (1876-1930) and Emma Myrtle Harlan (1878-1897). Hannah died on September 21, 1908 at age 63 and Zimri passed away on July 17, 1922 at age 79. Both are interred in the Lowville Cemetery, Wattsburg, Pennsylvania.

Whether the young man Zimri had a death wish or just extreme courage to enlist three times, he served his state and his country well, in spite of his vision disability, and even later, he was still serving his community as their postmaster.



DNA--SIMPLY CONFUSING

Where to begin? The topic of DNA is very new to me and very confusing, but I hope I can give you a little more understanding of what the hype is all about.

People have begun to show a bigger interest in DNA today. The question is just what **is** DNA and how does it relate to genealogy? Mostly, people want to connect to extended family, find out where their ancestors came from, and find others who have the same ancestors. DNA testing is a new avenue to explore connections to our past. Many of us are hoping to find long lost relatives like we see on the TV shows. But unfortunately, most of us do not have a George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, Pocahontas or Jane Austen in our family tree. Most of our ancestors were just like us – common ordinary people who lived, loved and left a history of some sort.

DNA is like a set of instructions. A good analogy would be like a blueprint for building a house or a computer program that tells a computer how to solve a problem. DNA is the material that carries all the

information about how a living thing will look and function. Each piece of information is carried in a different section of the DNA and these little sections are called genes, and they always occur in pairs. Genes in DNA pass along physical traits, blood types, personality traits, and certain diseases and conditions, etc. from parents to children.

Our DNA has values associated with each of us that are referred to as centiMorgans (cM) and segments. The cM values are measurements of how likely some traits pass from parent to child. Higher cM values are from closer relatives. And the segment number is just what it sounds like, I presume.

I found three first cousins on my website DNA listing. Mac and I are closer matches with a high cM of 1066. Our mothers were sisters. Nellie and Jenny's fathers were brothers to my mother. I wonder if the lower cM numbers is due to the female and male differences in the siblings, but I really do not know. Maybe an expert in the field could answer that. See our matches below. These are "fake" names for my cousins.

Mac	cM 1,066	segments 52
Nellie	cM 857	segments 40
Jenny	cM 748	segments 39

Another interesting part of the DNA test results includes the ethnicity of our origins. Mine showed that I am 77% English, Welsh, and northwest European; 14% Irish and Scottish; 7% Swedish and another 2% "other". Following that summary, the report gives the breakdown for America. The report shows my ancestors generally settled in the "lower Midwest and Virginia" and shows the states that are represented in that. In writing this story and exploring more about my more recent ancestors, I have been able to add to my family tree as the website gives information showing the regions where they lived.

In order to show common ancestors, each person is responsible for compiling and entering their family tree on the website they are using for their DNA testing. Otherwise there is no way to link individuals together. I found many people who have cM and segment numbers that indicate we are related, but without their listing of their ancestors, there is no way to connect to each other. And some people choose to 'lock' their tree, that is, not let others be able to view information about them, but it

will show the common ancestor if that person has listed theirs.

There are several options when it comes to DNA testing. Most genetic tests focus on specific areas of a person's genetic code, called markers, which are known to contain useful information. There are 4 testing services that I am going to list in no particular order. Each company has a kit that will be sent to you upon request to complete and return for results. Pricing varies from test to test and some have special pricing on occasion.

1. My Heritage uses a cheek swab for its testing kit. They say the places your ancestors called home are encoded in your DNA and My Heritage analyzes the data to determine your ethnicity. Their results are self-limited as they only match with other My Heritage DNA tests.
2. Family Tree has three separate tests and prices: paternal is Y-DNA, maternal is mtDNA and Family Finder is for family ancestry. They do a saliva swab.
3. 23 And Me also has three price levels. Their DNA tests appear to be more in tune with genetic health risks and other health issues. Their test is a saliva test tube kit.
4. Ancestry.com claims to have the largest database. Their report includes ethnic mix and cultural roots as well as DNA matches. Their test is a saliva test tube kit also.

Now you must decide which test is best to give you the information you would like to have. I chose to use Ancestry.com based on a friend's recommendation. Good luck and have fun!

Cynthia Rhoades, Genealogy Director

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NEW MEMBERS OF THE NINETY-PLUS CLUB

Donald Wayne Harlan was born on February 15, 1929 in Brawley, Imperial Valley, California to James Lee Harlan and Vivian Earlene (nee Burns) Harlan. Donald settled in Bakersfield, California and married Janet Christina Barnes Harlan and they had three children, Jeffrey Bruce Harlan, Christine Ann Harlan Tomazin, and Susan Donna Harlan Murray. Donald moved to Coarsegold, California and is enjoying retirement.

Elizabeth (Liz) Reed Sly was born on Nov. 19, 1929 in Decatur, GA to Homer Lewis Harlan and Leila Thomason Harlan. Her father's genealogy number from the Alpheus Harlan's Genealogy book is 6283ii. Liz was married to Robert Sly in 1960 and they had three daughters. Liz and Bob became involved in the large Harlan organization about 1990, and she became a Board Member in about 1998 and served until 2012. They are at home in Smyrna, GA, having moved there from Charlottesville, VA.

Opal Colleen (Strode) Young was born on December 17, 1929 in Frankfort, Clinton County, Indiana. She is one of 9 children born to Walter Adrian and Grace Manson (Younger) Strode. After graduating from Frankfort High School in 1950 she worked for Federal Mogal for 30 plus. She has 3 children, 9 grandchildren, and 36 great grandchildren. She has lived her whole life in Indiana and currently lives in Noblesville, Indiana with her granddaughter and her family.

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