

Research Proposal



Research Subject: Flossie [REDACTED] (18[REDACTED]-?)
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OBJECTIVES

Discover the identity of Flossie [REDACTED]'s parents and, if possible, where she was born.

RESEARCH PLAN

Review [REDACTED] provided [REDACTED] which include federal census records from 1920 and 1910 and a death certificate for Robert [REDACTED].

Summary of information provided:

- The death certificate for Robert [REDACTED] caused by heart failure on 16 February [REDACTED]. It seems he may have died at [REDACTED] in [REDACTED] Kentucky. He was [REDACTED] in October [REDACTED] Kentucky. His parents were [REDACTED] at the time of his death. [REDACTED] was married to Flossie [REDACTED]. Flossie was also the informant on the death certificate. He was interred at [REDACTED] Cemetery in [REDACTED] on 19 February. The funeral director was [REDACTED] Funeral Home in [REDACTED].
- The 1920 census record reveals Robert [REDACTED] and his wife Flossie [REDACTED] lived in [REDACTED] Kentucky near [REDACTED] Road. They were 49 and 35 years of age. Robert worked as [REDACTED] in a stone quarry. He was [REDACTED] and could neither read nor write; Flossie was [REDACTED] and could read and write. Their parents were both [REDACTED]. Flossie had no occupation, however she could read and write and was born in Tennessee as were both her parents. In household with them were the following children: [REDACTED] aged [REDACTED], [REDACTED] aged [REDACTED], and [REDACTED] aged [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] had both attended school and were literate.
- The 1910 census shows Robert and Flossie lived in [REDACTED] County but on a rented farm on [REDACTED]. They were 37 and 27 years of age, respectively and had been married for five years. [REDACTED] was [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] was [REDACTED]. At that point, Robert was a farm laborer and Flossie had no occupation. In the 1910 census return, both are literate. Their places of birth are [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] in [REDACTED] on the 1920 census return. In household with them are [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] born Kentucky. Flora is the mother of two, two living.

Research steps:

1. Search for [REDACTED]
2. Search for [REDACTED]
3. Search for [REDACTED]
4. Search for [REDACTED]
5. Search for [REDACTED]
6. Research her [REDACTED]

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Research steps begin with available [redacted] records.

Research is conducted in 1-hour blocks. The researcher requires [redacted] to order each new block. This may be done via email and [redacted] the client to control the pace of the research.

The amount of time it will take to research the different record sets will depend upon record availability and condition as well as whether or not the children have to be researched.

Research time estimate: Between [redacted] and [redacted] hours.

Research to commence [redacted] after receipt of signed service agreement and research deposit. Research will typically [redacted] the start of [redacted].

Turnaround time for a research proposal is difficult to gauge at this time. With the quarantine constraints which have been imposed due to the Covid19 pandemic, repositories, although closed to the public, have been inundated with requests for records. Reduction in staff at the repositories can mean only ONE person is left to search, pull and mail records. Some repositories are unable to conduct the search, they will only [redacted] and [redacted] records a completely closed with the exception of their digital files. For some records, it may take [redacted] to retrieve; other [redacted] may take months. The researcher will update the client regarding [redacted] via email and [redacted] every two weeks.

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DELIVERABLES

Upon completion of the research, the researcher will provide via electronic means:

- Formal, cited research summary report
- Source-cited images of all pertinent documents
- Research calendar/log
- Invoice for services

All deliverables will be conveyed via email in PDF form.