

! WVGS Genealogical Treasure Hunt !

*Hundreds of Dollars in Prizes
Clues Available April 16
Entries Accepted thru June 1, 2021*

Prizes:

One 1st Prize – Winner's Choice - A one-year all access gift subscription to Ancestry.com® [see terms summarized in the rules] (value \$389)

OR selections from the second prize list totaling not more than the same value.

One 2nd Prize – Winner's choice – one or more of the following, combined estimated value not to exceed \$150

A six month's World Explorer gift subscription to Ancestry.com® [see terms summarized in the rules] (\$149)

A subscription to another organization(?)

Family Tree Maker® Software (DVD \$90)

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Legacy Family Tree Webinar 1 year membership gift card (\$50)

DNA Test(s) (?)

Up to Ten – 3rd Prizes – One additional year of WVGS Membership each.

The number of third prizes to be awarded will be determined by the number of entries received. One for each 15 entries, up to a maximum of 10 if 150 or more entries are received. If a WVGS Life Member is a 3rd Prize winner an alternate prize of similar value will be awarded.

No Cash Prizes will be awarded. Winners are responsible for any Taxes incurred.

See the sample question,

Check the full rules,

Solve the clues ! ... and

Enter to Win !!!

WVGS Genealogical Treasure Hunt Rules

The contest is open to all members of WVGS except the Board and Clue Team.

For the purpose of this contest, “member” means individual in good standing as of the CLOSING DATE of the contest, as determined by the VP for Membership.

Because of the Covid pandemic WVGS is accepting 2021 calendar year memberships at no cost. See our web pages at www.wvgsor.org

Contest rules will be developed, approved, and administered by the WVGS Board.

Contest clues and answers will be developed by the Clue Team, whose members pledge to maintain confidentiality. Clue Team members are Douglas Crosby, David Bruey, and Liz Tice.

Contest rules will be emailed to each member, posted prominently on the WVGS public homepage, and made available to interested parties after approval by the Board.

The Clue List will be emailed to each member and posted prominently on the WVGS public homepage on the contest start date (April 16, 2021). Answers will be held solely by the Clue Team until the end date of the contest. (June 1, 2021)

The Clue Team will judge the entries, determining the number of complete, correct answers found in each entry. The winning entry will be that eligible entry with the most such answers.

First or second place ties will be broken by a separate, emailed tiebreaker question, first correct response prevailing.

“Eligible Entry” means submitted by a member (as defined) that adheres to the contest rules established by the Board. Any questions of eligibility will be settled by the Board.

Members may submit as many entries as they wish within the dates of the contest. Each separate entry must be complete in itself; judges will not accept additions or corrections to an entry, nor compile separate submissions into a single entry.

A complete entry must include:

Contact information - your name, mailing address, email address or statement “no email”, and phone number or statement “no phone”.

A list of question-and-answer pairs. State a question number and short title from the Clue List. On the next line(s) give your answer to that question, with an *informal* source citation. Repeat as needed.

Entries do not need to list unanswered questions, and questions do not need to be answered in numerical order.

Example: You submit an entry answering 15 questions but fail to provide your mailing address. You later submit a correctly completed entry with 8 other questions answered. – Your maximum possible score is 8. - You realize your mistake. You may submit another entry with all 23 answered. If correctly submitted your maximum possible score is 23.

Participants may use any resource available to them.

All questions can be answered from the internet **without paid site access fees**. Some sites (such as FamilySearch) may require a free registration.

Regardless of the number of entries submitted no individual may be awarded more than one prize.

Entries must be received by midnight Pacific Time, June 1, 2021.

Entries must be submitted as follows:

By email to WVGSccontest@lookingforgrandma.com
OR in hardcopy (typed, printed or legibly handwritten) mailed to
Looking for Grandma
P.O. Box 1271
Silverton, OR 97381

[Looking for Grandma is a registered business owned by WVGS Board member Douglas Crosby and is acting as a collection service for contest entries. Looking for Grandma will not retain, sell, or otherwise distribute entrants contact information other than to the WVGS. Entrants will not receive advertising or other communications from Looking for Grandma unless the entry requests such communication.]

The WVGS will not sell or otherwise distribute your contact information.

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A Sample Question and Answer, with explanation.

QS) Jay Smiley: An 1873 publication includes a biographical sketch about Jay Smiley of Richland County, Ohio. In it we learn of his visit to the old family home in Jefferson Co., NY where “he was married on the 10th of April, 1822” - to whom? What publication records this?

Entry Response:

QS) Jay Smiley:

Dolly Johnson, Andreas Atlas Map of Richland County, 1873

Source- <http://www.usgenwebsites.org/OHRichland/BiographyShelf/BioShelf3.htm>

Explanation:

Searching the FamilySearch Tree for Jay Smiley, married in 1822 quickly takes you to Jay and “Dolly Johnston” married 10 Apr 1822

On Ancestry.com a search for Jay Smiley with an exact marriage year yields no hits. A more general search shows Jay and wife Dollie in the 1870 Census of Shelby, Richland, Ohio. Jay born about 1796, in Vermont. Further research here takes you to the North American Family Histories entry for Jay Smiley and Dorothy Johnson, both of Vermont, “who married in 1822 in Jefferson County, N.Y.”

The biographical information on findagrave.com associated with the Jay Smiley memorial (Id#85274506) lists her as “Dolly *Johnston* Smiley”

Each of these provide an answer to the wife’s name. The data is consistent – at least within the bounds of reasonable variation – but none of these provide the second portion of the answer.

The complete answer can be reached in different ways. Keying in on the place and year, a Google Search using - 1873 richland county ohio - shows these results:

www.historicmapworks.com > ... > United States > Ohio ;

✓ Richland County 1873 Ohio Historical Atlas - Historic Map Works

Atlas Name: **Richland County 1873**, Publisher: Andrea's Alfred T., Publish Date: **1873**;

Location: **Ohio**.

www.ohiohistory.org > media > Documents > SHPO PDF ;

✓ Andreas' Atlas map of Richland County 1873 - Ohio History ...

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www.usgenwebsites.org > Subscribers-Mansfield ;

✓ Some Richland Co. Citizens, 1873: Mansfield

Source: ATLAS MAP OF RICHLAND COUNTY, OHIO. By A.T. Andreas. Chicago, Ill., 1873, pp. 11 & 14. NOT in strict alphabetical ...

These first three all refer to the document being sought. The second (ohiohistory.org) points to a pdf file which is a full copy of the Atlas. The table of contents points to the biography of Jay Smiley on page 23:

chased the S. W. quarter of section 5, township 22, range 19, and in 1822 Jay bought out his brother's interest in the property.

We next learn of Mr. Smiley returning on a visit to the old home in Jefferson county, N. Y., and there he was married on the 10th of April, 1822, to Miss Dolly Johnson, of that county. In May of the same year they came out to Ohio, stopped in Stark county until November, 1823, then moved to Sharon township, Richland county, and on the 1st of January, 1824, they took possession of their new log cabin on section five, and on the 15th of February following, their first child was born there. This place has been their home ever since. Here

Using the quote "he was married on the 10th of April, 1822" (in quotes) as a Google search yields one hit, linking to:

<http://www.usgenwebsites.org/OHRichland/BiographyShelf/BioShelf3.htm>

which is the page "Richland County Biographies: S-Z". Scrolling down (or using your browser's find option) you will find a transcribed version of the document, including the source citation.

Images of the same volume can be found on FamilySearch. Search Books for Jay Smiley Richland, Ohio. This will bring up almost 7300 hits. First up is a Smiley genealogy that is not viewable online. Second is the Andreas Atlas map, with a tab for public access to full text results. Searching within that for Jay Smiley brings you to only four pages to check.