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## News & Events

Sara Allen recently returned from a wonderful genealogy trip to Slovenia (with fun side trips to Italy and Ireland). Read about it on the next page, and stop by to ask her for tips on how to make *your* big trip just as rewarding!

Local & Family History Services staff and volunteers help long-distance researchers with queries, as you may know. (See [our online form](#) for more information.) We recently made some minor changes in the way we handle these queries, in order to ensure that all researchers are charged the correct amount. The main change is that we no longer ask you to send in a \$10 check with your order; instead, we are conforming to our stated charge of \$10 per hour of research by sending you an invoice for the actual amount you owe. Please be sure to help us out by sending us your check as soon as you receive your bill!

## Did You Know?

You're visiting a genealogy website online, scribbling down new information about a branch of your family tree. Or you're in the library, making copies from a great book. You get home and realize that you forgot to copy a crucial page, so you decide to go back for it. And then you realize: what website? What book? You forgot to write down the web address (URL) or the book's title and author. Oops!

We've all been there, but hopefully we've all learned from this just how important it is to write down our sources. It won't just help you to retrieve more information from your source; it will also help you decide which source is more reliable when you find conflicting information. (And you will!) Here in Local History, we help people all the time who have forgotten to write down their sources. Just a few days ago, I took a call from a lady who couldn't find a website she had been using; all she could tell me was that it was on "page 5" of the internet! As you can imagine, I wasn't able to help her, and we were both frustrated. Your research will go more smoothly if you remember to make a record of where you found information. If you need some ideas for how to do this, check out Elizabeth Shown Mills's great book [Evidence!](#) And for an excellent example of how to present well documented results, take a look at one of the Mayflower Society's publications, such as [Richard Warren of the Mayflower](#).

## New & Notable Items

We recently began providing access to NewspaperARCHIVE, a searchable database of actual images of millions of American newspaper pages from many areas and time periods. You must come into a branch of the Library to use it. Visit our [home page](#) (above), click on "[Digital collections and databases](#)," and then click on the link to this database.

On our website, you'll now find a detailed how-to article on "[Finding Living People](#)," a great resource for finding long lost cousins. Be sure to read our new list of [yearbook holdings](#) too. (And [a list of yearbooks we need](#)—donations are welcome!)



## Genealogy Trip of a Lifetime, by Sara Allen, Local & Family History Librarian

On June 29, I arrived home after a once in a lifetime trip to Slovenia to visit the homeland of my father's grandparents, who immigrated to the United States in 1906. My parents, siblings, aunt, and I toured Slovenia and also visited Italy and Ireland. The highlight of the trip was our journey to two Slovenian villages where our family once walked, talked, lived, loved, and died.

Before the trip, I had located my great-grandparents' naturalization papers, which named Hudo as great-grandmother Mary Puschautz's home village in Austria (an area now part of Slovenia). We also had learned through interviewing family members that our name "Puschautz" used to be "Pusavec" in Austria. Through an online telephone directory and a Google search, I found a family of Pusavecs still living in Hudo. I wrote to them and found out that we are probably 4th cousins with Franci and his family. We had a delightful visit to Hudo, where we ate a large meal, took a tour of our cousins' sheep farm and orchards, and were given healthy servings of homemade pear schnapps.

My great-grandfather Josef Cezar proved harder to track down. I did not find any modern-day Cezars in Radmannsdorf (now Radovljica), the town that his naturalization papers said he hailed from. We had an address from the 1950s that we showed to our Pusavec relatives. They told us we were looking in the wrong place; that Radovljica was where the post office was located, while Gorica was the actual name of our village. With the aid of two delightful village girls who spoke very good English, we found the property that once belonged to Helene Cezar, Josef's mother. We met the family who lived there and found out that they had actually known Helene because they were relatives of Anna, Josef's sister-in-law. We were given a photo of Helene Cezar to take home with us and exchanged addresses for future correspondence. We also learned that "Cezar" is actually pronounced "Tchasar" (roll the r).

If you would like to try to obtain *your* ancestor's naturalization papers, first look at the [National Archives' website](#) for a detailed description of what records are available, where, and for which years. SJCPL also has several how-to books on the subject of immigration available for checkout: [The Family Tree Guide to Finding your Ellis Island Ancestors](#); [Ellis Island: Tracing your Family History Through America's Gateway](#); and [They Came in Ships: A Guide to Finding your Immigrant Ancestor's Arrival Record](#). Also, please read [Local & Family History Service's](#) how-to guide for "[Finding Birth Dates for Foreign-Born Relatives](#)." And do be sure to contact us in Local & Family History Services to ask us questions along the way!



Pusavec family headstone, Hudo, Slovenia



Radovljica, Slovenia; Julian Alps in distance



Sara with her siblings and new cousin Franci