

# ANCESTRY

## How much do you know about your ancestors?

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### GENEALOGY

I went searching for an ancestor. I cannot find him still;  
He moved around from place to place and did not leave a will.  
He married where a courthouse burned. He mended all his fences.  
He avoided any man who came to take the census.  
He always kept his luggage packed, this man who had no fame;  
and every 20 years or so, this rascal changed his name.  
His parents came from Europe. They could be upon some list  
of passengers to the USA, but somehow they got missed.  
And no one else in the world is searching for this man,  
so, I play geneasolitaire to find him if I can.  
I'm told he's buried in a plot, with tombstone he was blessed,  
but the weather took the engraving and some vandals took the rest.  
He died before the county clerks decided to keep records;  
no family bible has emerged in spite of all my efforts.  
To top it off this ancestor, who caused me many groans  
just to give me one more pain, betrothed a girl named JONES

*Unknown*

Have you made any efforts to trace your family history?

Have you found anybody who was famous?

Have you found any scoundrels?

Do you know of any embarrassing moments in your family's past? .

### “GENEALOGY POX”

Though it can strike at any age, this dread disease rarely affects children or young adults, and rarely becomes serious until after middle age. *(Anonymous)*

Do you regret not asking your grandparents about their early lives?