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May Program

May 20, 2014

7:00 PM	Millie's Minutes	Millie Starr
7:10 PM	"Table Talk – Mining the Genealogical Wealth Among Us" Bev Johnson, Programs	
How are we doing? Are our GSSC programs serving your interests?		

A WORD FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Greetings:

We are back from our trip to the great LDS Salt Lake City Library. What a wonderfully organized adventure into the genealogical research world. Lisa Bruk and her committee did an outstanding job and are to be commended. In addition the presentations and workshop leading up to the trip provided all of the participants the opportunity for success.

As I mentioned at our last meeting if you can arrange the time and the funds this trip is well worth the effort. Next year the trip will be April to April 2015. Begin making your plans now for this wonderful genealogical adventure.

I located an 1812 Indiana Horse Tax document for Harrison County, Indiana, which verified my family's entry into the territory including my 3rd great grandmother for whom I previously had no physical documentation. Eureka!

This month Bev Johnson has a table discussion program intended to allow us to evaluate how we are serving you. Please give us your input so that we can continue to grow our society.

Respectfully,
Lewis M. Ruddick

May Program

"Table Talk – Mining the Genealogical Wealth Among Us"

By Bev Johnson, Programs

It's GSSC's Mid-Term exam time for program evaluation. How are we doing? Are our GSSC programs serving your interests? Give me your feedback. jbevjohnson1@att.net I will take your comments and constructive criticisms back to your GSSC leadership.

Feedback from our membership is vital to bringing meaningful programs to our organization.

One of our program goals for 2014 is to bring to our membership programs that will motivate and reignite the Rite to Write. It's the written narratives that add pixels and high definition to our family group sheets, photos, and myriads of records and documents.

Hopefully, some of our programs are inspiring you to that end. Ultimately, we will become the ancestors and our own narratives will become priceless to those who follow us.

Our Society of 155 members and growing is a mosaic of many family narratives, ancestral searches, experts, novices, and somewhere in between, and friendships You told us that you liked the opportunity to exchange with other members. We listened. The majority of

us only cross paths once a month at our general meetings where we cluster together and feel most comfortable with familiarity. Our May program will offer the opportunity to break the mold just a bit.

As GSSC family history enthusiasts, each of us is an untapped resource to other members of similar interests and research. Our May program, "Table Talk – Mining the Genealogical Wealth Among Us" will be an interactive opportunity all about sharing – bringing something of you to a table to be shared...perhaps a web site, a book, an organizational tip, a brick wall. writing tips, geographical interests, DNA issues, etc. As a second generation granddaughter of four Swedish immigrant grandparents, I am more inept in US genealogy than most of you but I've become somewhat savvy in Swedish genealogy research and I'm happy to share three "must have" books and a list of websites to Swedish records to just maybe a few among us that share my interest.

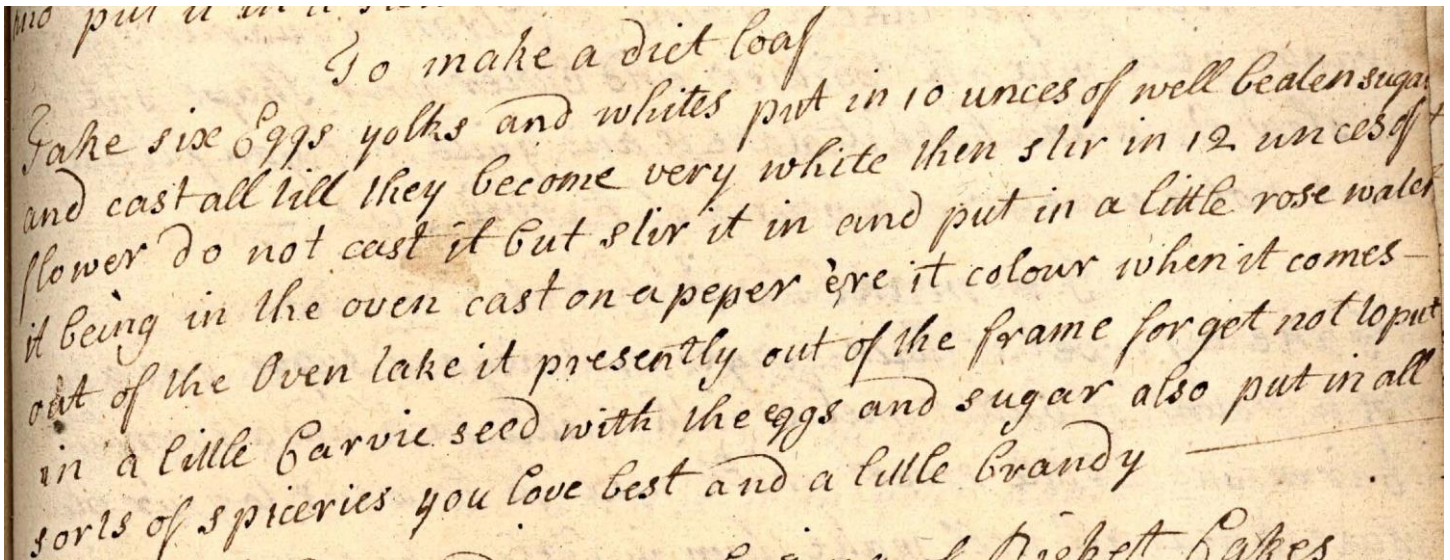
Yes, there will be a follow-up. At our June meeting we will have compiled and duplicated all that each of you shared with us.

It's a challenge to get out of our group comfort zones but let's give it a try. Your contribution will be your ticket to get in the door.

Try a different table this month with folks less familiar to you. Who knows! You might be related.

Early American Cookery

To Make a Diet Loaf (1724)



from <http://www.thehenryford.org>

Why You Never Want To Get Locked In on the Spelling of a Surname

By Lewis M. Ruddick

The attached is a clip from the Harrison County, Indiana 1812 Tax List of Horses. I found this list in the LDS Library by searching Family Search/Books for Ruddick. The publication that came up took me to my 1st cousin 4 times removed William Ruddick whose name was spelled correctly but not to the direct line of my 2nd great grandfather Mordecai Ruddick or his mother Lydia Ruddick. A quick look at the list tells you why: Mordecai Ruddick's surname is spelled **Radicks** as is his mother's and youngest brother Thomas Ruddick. His other two brothers John and William are found with their surnames spelled **Redick**. This six Quaker Ruddick family group has the surname spelling found correct with only one person. Any bet that the tax was collected regardless of the spelling?

Radicks Mordiacai	3	←
Radicks Widow	2	←
Radicks Thomas	No Propt.	←
Rouse William	2	
Rogers Aquila	2	
Rogers James	2	
Rogers David	2	
Rundells Thomas	1	
Redick John	3	←
Redick William	1	←
Ransdell Edward	4	
Russell William	1	
Rumley Thomas	2	
Russell John	3	
Rundells William	2	
Rice Henry	4	
Rogers Thomas	3	
Roamine Christifor	2	
Runkle Fradrick	2	
Read John	2	
Rice Jacob	2	
Rice Jonathen	2	
Riddle James	3	
Riddle Charles	2	
Ridg Charles	2	
Robertson Stephen	1	
Ruddick William	1	←

From the original record in the Harrison County Court House, Corydon, Indiana, Mrs. Catherine Kelley Summers, Box 92, Elizabeth, Indiana 47117, compiled these records. At this early date, Harrison included parts of what now are Crawford, Floyd, Orange and Washington counties.

The Arkansas Study Group Is Back!

The Arkansas Study Group is active again! Our member Jackie Niemeyer has offered to lead the group. Meetings will be held on the second Monday of the month. The first meeting will be Monday May 12 at 1 pm. Come prepared to share your Arkansas ancestors surnames, counties and time periods with the group. You never know we may find common ancestors! Contact Jackie at (209) 522-2590 or jackie.niemeyer@prodigy.net for details.

Interested in forming your own group? Contact a Board member or a Director

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Editor's Note: If a number of your ancestors went through Indiana coming west as did mine, the following is very good news.

Indiana State Library Announces a New Online Platform to Provide Access to Thousands of Historic Indiana Newspapers

April 21, 2014

INDIANAPOLIS – Three weeks after unveiling the new Indiana Memory, the Indiana State Library has now introduced the website's new Indiana Newspapers platform. Clicking on the "Indiana Newspapers" icon on Indiana Memory will take you to all of the newspapers digitized as part of the National Digital Newspaper Program.

This collection contains 14,214 issues comprising 95,455 pages and is continually growing. Many of these titles are also available at the Library of Congress' Chronicling America website. IDHNP provides free, online access to high quality digital images of Indiana's historic newspapers, links to online resources and assistance to other organizations in making their collections accessible. This online resource is funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities. This grant enabled the Indiana State Library, in partnership with the Indiana Historical Society, to digitize Indiana newspapers for the National Digital Newspaper Program.



"We are moving ahead with digitizing another 100,000 newspaper pages as a continuation of the NEH grant," said Chandler Lighty, Historic Newspaper Digitization Program Manager. "Over the coming months and year, historic digitized newspapers from South Bend, Evansville, and Vincennes will be available."

The content on the Indiana Newspapers platform is being displayed in Veridian software, which is operated by the Indiana State Library and funded by the U. S. Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act. The crowd-sourcing component of Veridian allows you to register and make corrections to the Optical Character Recognition (OCR). For instance, if you find an individual's name garbled in the OCR, you can correct it yourself, so that future users can find that person's name in the newspapers easier.

"The software is really exciting because users like you can correct the OCR text," said Lighty. "If you researched with any digitized content in the past, you may have discovered that the search results you received were often only as good as the OCR."

Additionally, This week marks the one-year anniversary of the launch of the Digital Public Library of America (<http://dp.la>), a groundbreaking all-digital library that brings together millions of items from America's libraries, archives, and museums, and makes them freely available to the world. In celebration, DPLA announced the addition of six major new partners, including Indiana Memory. DPLA anticipates the new partners will strengthen the geographic, cultural, and intellectual diversity of DPLA's collections.

The Indiana Memory and DPLA partnership provides a built in mechanism for Indiana libraries, museums and historical societies to share their collections with the world. For the past five years, a growing number of organizations have contributed to Indiana Memory. Once the Indiana Memory content is uploaded to DPLA later this year, nearly 400,000 items relating to the history of Indiana will be able available through the broader lens of DPLA.

Follow the IDHNP blog to learn more about this project, newspaper histories, and interesting historic events.

About Indiana Memory (www.indianamemory.org)

Indiana Memory is a collaborative digital library site providing access to over 350,000 historical and cultural items drawn from 107 contributing organizations around the state. Indiana Memory seeks to support and enhance education and scholarship for all Hoosiers for increased understanding of Indiana's past and its role in preparing for Indiana's future.

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A Video Guide to Findmypast's New Features

Myko Clelland at **findmypast** has created a video guide to the new findmypast site. The video introduces some of the new features and explains some of the techniques which will help you discover even more about your family's history. You can learn more in the findmypast blog at <http://blog.findmypast.co.uk/2014/a-handy-video-guide-to-findmypasts-new-features/>.



You can find the video at http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VOEi_nLLkRw.

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Get the Impression ancestry.com has gotten huge? You are right!

The Statistics of Ancestry.com



1,400 employees, a 10 petabyte (10 quadrillion bytes) database with 13 billion structured and unstructured records going back to the 1300s, a number that grew by 1.2 billion documents in 2013. That's impressive but then add in a paying subscriber base of 2.7 million people around the world who generate an average of 75 million searches a day on the company's various Websites, including Ancestry.com, MyFamily.com, FamilyTreeMaker.com and Genealogy.com.

In addition, the AncestryDNA database currently has DNA from more than 300,000 people, who get information on which of the 26 regions of the world their ancestors came from. To determine someone's ethnicity, AncestryDNA has to analyze 700,000 markers—clearly a big data analytics initiative.

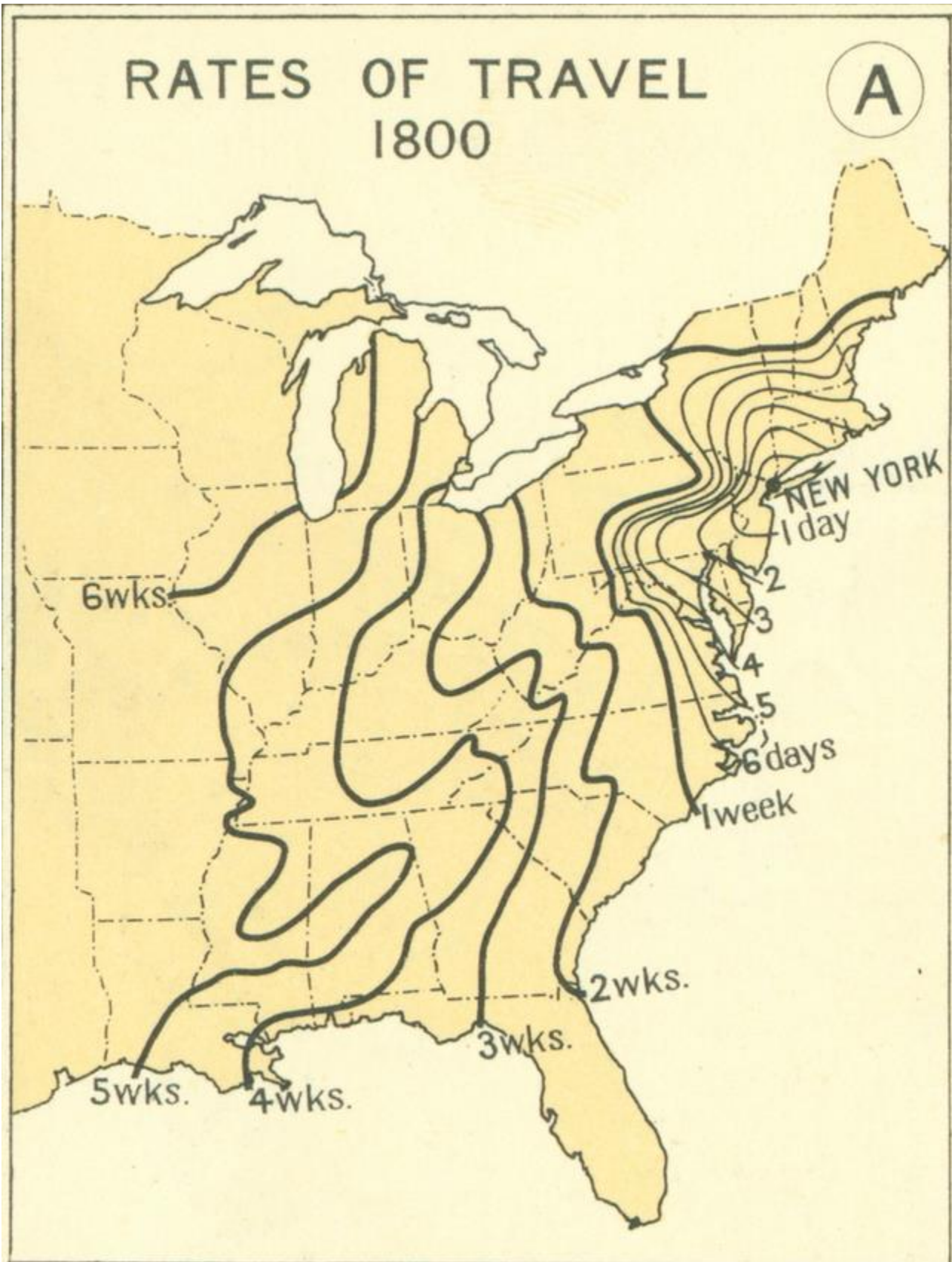
These statistics were extracted from an article by Eileen Feretic in an article in *Baseline*, a trade journal about the use of technology in businesses. The full article is available at <http://goo.gl/ZpdgjB>.

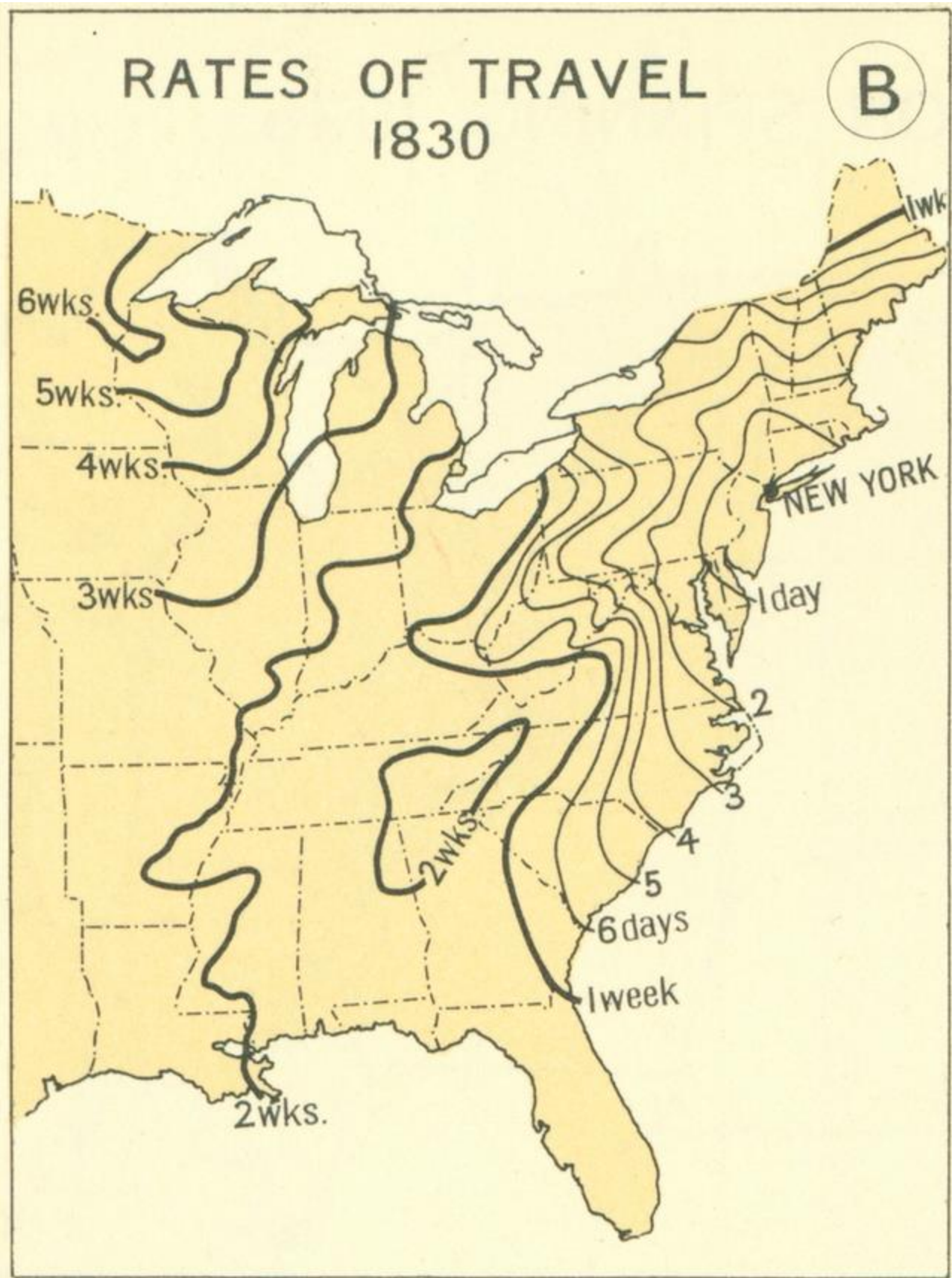
Editor's Note: Regarding DNA tests FTDNA has more than double the number of persons tested at 672,703. When I looked at the field for my own testing in early 2000 FTDNA was number 1 and they remain so today.

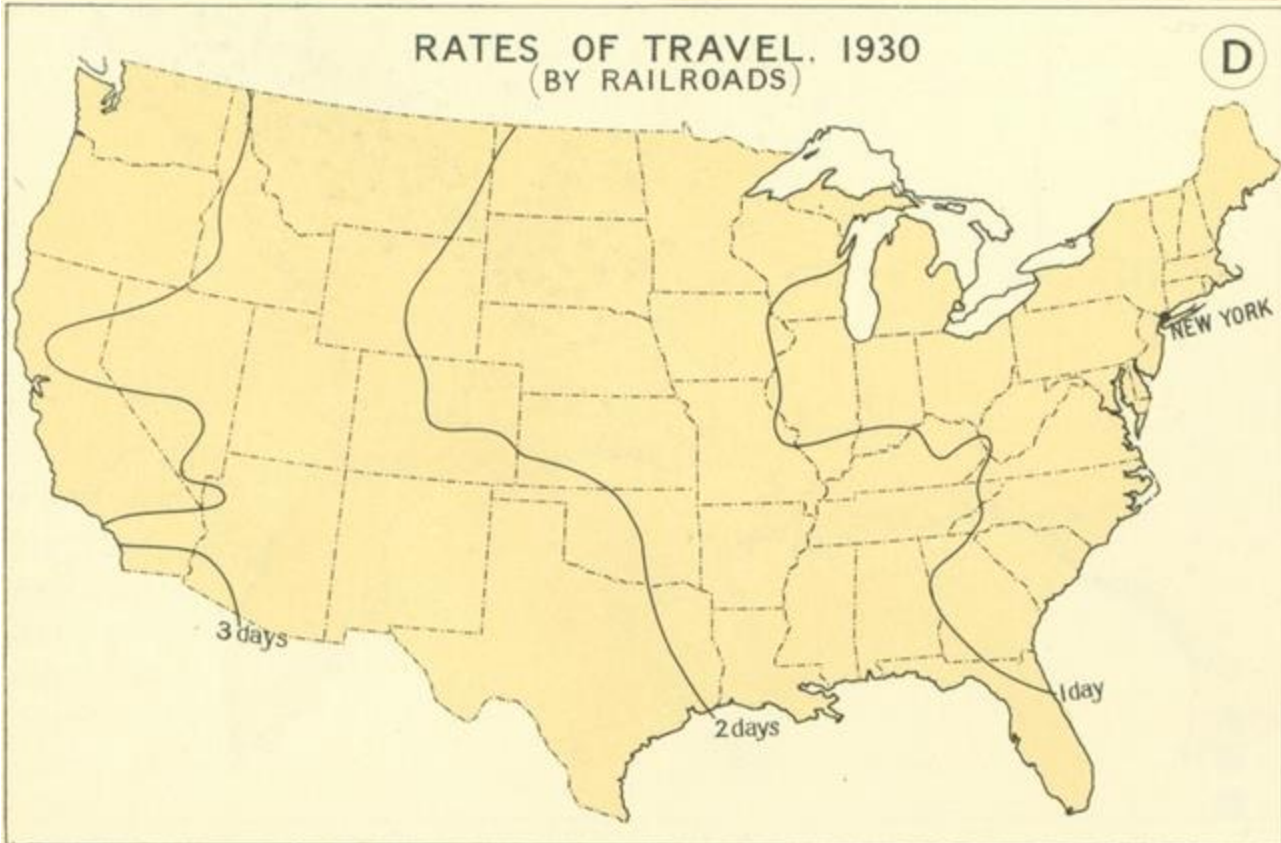
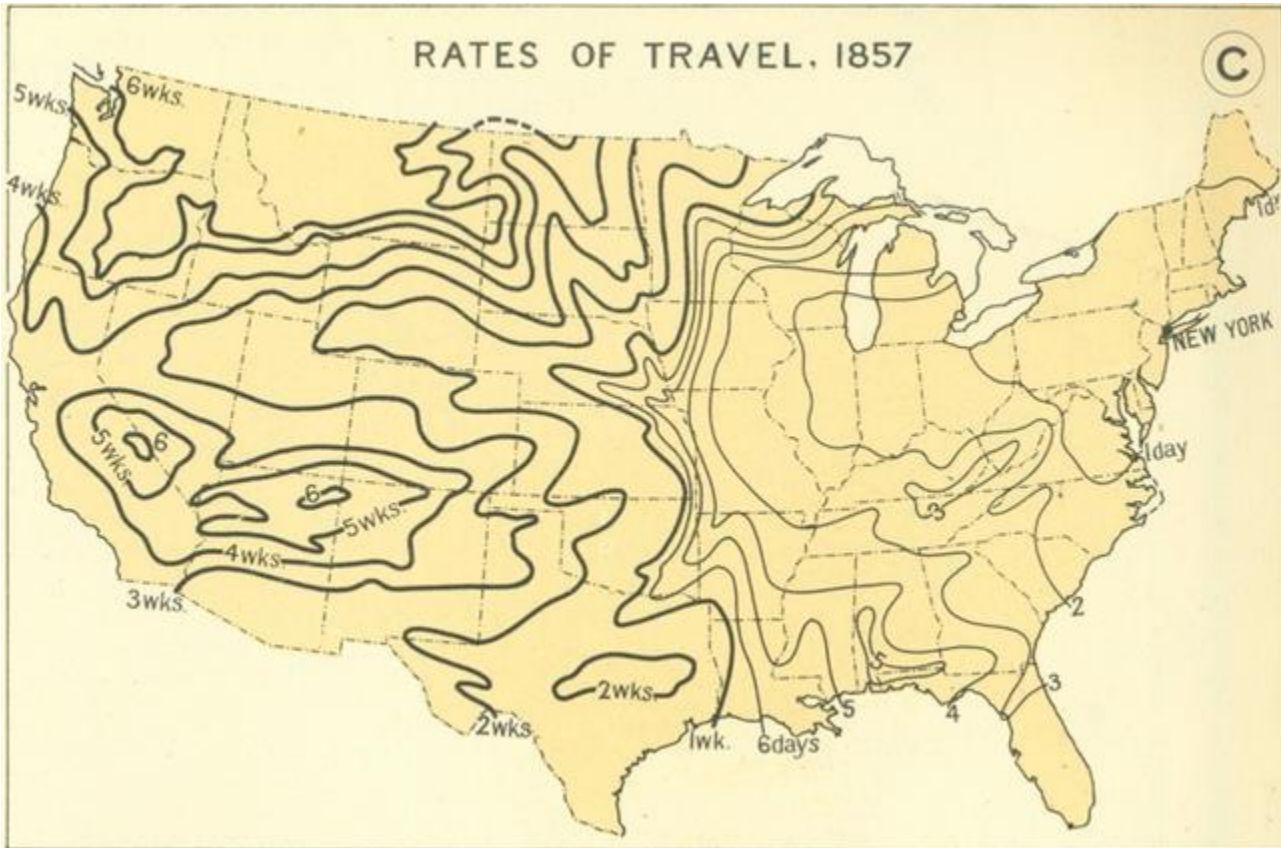
How fast could you travel across the U.S. in the 1800s?

Our ancestors' speed of travel – Keeping it in perspective – And a useful genealogical tool.

All photos: Public domain From <http://www.mnn.com/green-tech/transportation/stories/how-fast-could-you-travel-across-the-us-in-the-1800s#> By: Michael Graham Richard Dec 26, 2012







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 The newsletter is posted at this website, along with other interesting society-related items.
- General meeting: 7:00 p.m. on the 3rd Tuesday of each month, except July and December at the Trinity Presbyterian Church at 1600 Carver Rd., Modesto, CA.
- Board meeting: 7:00 p.m. on the 2nd Monday of each month the Trinity Presbyterian Church at 1600 Carver Rd., Modesto, CA.

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