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Our Genealogy Club Meets the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 2pm, in the Spring Run Auditorium on the Lakes Campus. Be there at 1:30 for meeting others and enjoying refreshments!

- April 15 County Courthouses - Clay Kilgore
- May 20 Writing your Family History - George Nettleton
- June 27 Family Tree Maker Special Joint Meeting
With WV Computer Club

MEET YOUR DIRECTOR AT LARGE– Carol Fricke

Carol was born in Florida, but was raised in Milwaukee. After high school she worked at the Joseph Schlitz Brewery, working with the first computer, which filled a whole room, performing key punch operating. In 1958, she was married and she and her husband Hilmar moved to Georgia. While there she attended the University of Georgia.

Hilmar was hired by I.E. DuPont, so they uprooted and settled in Delaware, where they lived for 53 years. Carol was a stay-at-home mom for a number of years and then became a travel agent. She led groups on trips to different parts of the world and all the continents, including Antarctica. Carol and Hilmar came to Willow Valley in 2013 from Newark, Delaware and reside in Providence Park.

While on a trip to Germany in 1976 to visit relatives, Carol became interested in Genealogy. Since then, she has worked on her family tree uncovering data back 8 generations. She began on PAF, before any computers etc., writing in German with return paid stamps. Now she has switched to research on Ancestry while keeping the tree on PAF. With this research documented, Carol plans to pass on her work as a legacy to her son, who is also interested in genealogy.

Carol and Hil have two children and one grandchild, and recently celebrated their 67th wedding anniversary. Carol attends our monthly board meeting as our members' representative, so please feel free to approach her with comments and suggestions. Carol also procures refreshment supplies and acts a hostess setting up refreshments for our meetings.

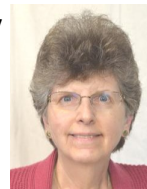
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Get acquainted with Claude AI —ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE— An easy way to obtain genealogy help

By Genealogy Club Member Gail Kogut

Claude AI is a genuine and a real AI assistant created by Anthropic, a respected AI research company. Unlike many fake AI tools that have popped up recently, Claude has been thoroughly tested and validated by researchers and users worldwide *

Here's how you can begin to use it to help in your research:

Claude AI is a computer helper that talks **with** you like a person. Think of it as a smart assistant inside your computer.

What Claude Does:

- Answers questions
- Has conversations
- Helps with writing
- Explains complicated topics simply
- Assists with research

How It Works:

1. You type a question
2. Claude reads it
3. Claude thinks about your request
4. Claude writes back a helpful answer

Claude learned from reading many books and websites. It doesn't search the internet but uses what it already knows.

Here are some questions to ask:

Easy AI Prompts for Genealogy Help

1. **Get interview questions:**

"Suggest 5 questions to ask my elderly cousin about our family history."

2. **Learn historical context:**

"What was daily life like in [town/city] during the [decade]?"

3. **Understand surname origins:**

"What is the history and origin of the [your surname] family name?"

4. **Discover migration patterns:**

"What were common migration routes from [country] to America in the [decade]?"

5. **Find research resources:**

"What are the best free genealogy websites for researching ancestors from [country]?"

6. **Decode old occupations:**

"What was a [historical occupation] and what did they do day to day?"

Using Claude:

Just type normally what you want help with - no special commands needed.

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Examples of AI Queries

Thanks for reading and thanks to Gail for constructing the article.

Barbara Park

* Google Search & Anthropic.com