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Spotlight on a Long-Time Member: Clement Ward

Emeritus Faculty, Agricultural Economics

Clem was raised on a livestock-grain farm in Iowa. He received his BS degree from Iowa State University in Agribusiness in 1966. He spent nearly three years in the U.S. Army, was commissioned a Second Lieutenant, and spent a year in Vietnam as a Psychological Operations and Civic Action advisor to the South Vietnamese army.



Following military service, Clem earned a MS degree in Agricultural Economics and PhD in Economics from Kansas State University. Clem and Mimi have been married for 49 years and have two sons, Brian and Justin.

Clem began his career with the U.S. Department of Agriculture in Washington, DC and then joined the OSU Agricultural Economics faculty in 1978 as an Associate Professor and Extension Economist. He was promoted to full professor in 1983. His career focus was in livestock marketing, with a considerable emphasis on the economics of the meatpacking industry and cattle and hog feeding industries.

Clem has been described as a prolific writer. He published 60 refereed journal articles, a book, over 50 Experiment Station research bulletins and reports, and over 150

Extension publications. During his career at OSU, he supervised 16 MS students and 7 PhD students. Clem made 75 invited presentations to national, regional, or state livestock industry conferences and conventions. Three OSU colleagues and Clem developed the Fed Cattle Market Simulator,

quickly dubbed the Packer-Feeder Game by students. The team of developers conducted over 120 workshops in the U.S. and Canada with livestock producers, agribusiness firms, and university educators.

Clem received several awards from the American, Western, and Southern Associations of Agricultural Economics, and from OSU. He is especially proud of the several group awards recognizing his contribution to many research and extension team efforts.

Since retiring in 2009 after 31 years at OSU, Clem devotes most of his time to volunteer activities. He coordinates catering for the OSU Emeriti Association dinners and is a former Council member. At Saint Francis Xavier, Clem coordinates the Mother Teresa ministry and is a Stephen Minister. He is serving a third term on the United Way Payne County board of directors and also serves on the board of Our Daily Bread.

A Retirement Activity: Genealogy—Hobby or Addiction?

Mary Woods, Emeriti Association Member

I've been doing genealogy for almost 50 years. It's probably time to admit that I'm a genealogy addict. I love solving puzzles; and the more I find out, the more I want to know.



It doesn't have to be my genealogy; I've helped people from all over the United States and many other countries. I just got an email from Australia asking me to help locate an ancestor's information. I'm the registrar for the Cimarron Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution, too.

When you start your genealogy, you can go about it several ways. There are sites that are free, and there are sites that require a subscription. My favorite free sites are Find-A-Grave, usgenweb, and Family Search.

My favorite subscription sites are Ancestry and Fold3. Keep in mind, though, that all sites have mistakes. When you're using a site, use the information as a hint but then do research to verify the information.

It's good to be aware of some potential pitfalls to genealogy research. Most people want to be related to someone famous or prove Native American heritage. Some will try to make their tree into what they want instead of what it is. Many people say they're related to Pocahontas, Daniel Boone, George Washington, or another famous figure from U.S. history. It happens so much so in fact that I usually think "yeah, right" when I hear it. I've seen family trees where they listed the mother as two years old when she

first gave birth and who gave birth to six children after she died, just to make it look like they are related to someone famous.

I suggest that you start with what you know and then build on that. Collect family photographs, diaries, and newspaper clippings. Helpful sources include: birth/death certificates, family Bibles, census data, wills, military documents, cemetery records, and state and local histories.

You may want to focus on one family line at a time so that you won't get sidetracked. Sometimes when you are searching for records, less is more. If you aren't coming up with much information with your online searches, you may want to put in less information instead of completely filling it out.

Don't get hung up on the spelling of your ancestors' names, especially when it comes to older generations. Try different variations of the spelling and initials instead of their full name. If you get stuck on someone in your direct line, see if you can find more by looking for their siblings.

It is good to stay organized so that you don't look for the same information repeatedly. There are free worksheets on line that enable you to keep track of each of your ancestors, such as family group sheets and family trees that enable you to keep track of each family. The most important thing is enjoying

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your family research and not stressing out when you can't find something. Instead, attack it from a different direction. Just know that you might never completely finish your family genealogy: There is always more to find.

There are sites that offer free trial subscriptions so that you can try them to see if you like their site. Some states, such as Texas and Missouri, have access to free birth and death records. If you think you might want to have your DNA tested, tests usually go on sale around such holidays as Mother's Day and Father's Day. Sites that test your DNA include Ancestry.com, 23 and me, and Family Tree DNA. Cyndislist.com is a free comprehensive, categorized and cross-referenced list of links that point you to genealogical research sites online:

Here are some of my favorites:

Subscription Sites:

www.ancestry.com
www.fold3.com
www.newspapers.com
www.newspaperarchives.com
www.genealogy.com
www.myheritage.com

Free Sites:

www.findagrave.com
www.usgenweb.com
www.familysearch.org
www.dar.org
www.archives.gov/research/genealogy/

In Memoriam

List of OSU Emeriti Association Members Who
Passed Away in 2020

Bayless, Betty—12-6-2020

Bell, Karen—11-5-2020

Bucannan, Richard—8-20-2020

Carpenter, Dorothy—6-13-2020

Choike, Marilyn—10-19-2020

deBois, Thora—1-16-2020

Holmes, Donald—1-13-2020

Morrison, Datha—12-13-2020

Sandvold, Kenneth—4-26-2020

Scott, Margaret—9-9-2020

Winterfelt, Esther—11-10-2020