

The Yancey/Yancey Family Search **Community Page**

Dear fellow Yancey/Yancy researcher:

I wanted to thank all of you who have joined the Yancey /Yancy Family group under the "umbrella" of FamilySearch Communities. There are now more than 50 of us joined together.
<https://community.familysearch.org/s/group/0F93A0000009XyuSAE/yanceyyancy-family-genealogy>

I also wanted to emphasize that this is NOT a replacement for the Yancey Family Surname Resource Center (YFSRC) - which will continue to exist.

<http://yanceyfamilygenealogy.org/>

The two go hand in hand. The YFSRC is a depository of Yancey family information gathered over many years - all brought together under one web portal.

The Yancey/Yancy Group under FamilySearch is a tool and "vehicle" used to facilitate communication, collaboration, sharing, inter-activity, and the ability to use each other as "sounding boards" as we share thoughts and ideas.

In short the Yancey/Yancy group - will have as much value and utility - as whatever ALL of us put into it. It can be stale and useless or it can be active and valuable - all depending on how each of you make use of it.

No one is forced to take action, or to give feedback. But the value of the group will only exist as we work together, generate synergy, and have open communication.

Surely we are all different backgrounds and we all have different goals, and different ideas and priorities. and that is a good thing. I hope we will all treat each other with respect and tact and that each of us - including myself will acknowledge thoughts and ideas of others and respect them - even if we dont necessarily agree on everything.

BUT I think we will find a lot that we do agree on - and a lot of subject that we can all interact about and learn from each other.

Please don't be shy. Please realize that each of you can submit questions, answer questions, provide feedback and play an active role in the online community (all without any "special permission")

As with any community (virtual or physical) - the value and nature of the community is for the most part - up to each one of us.

I hope you will take an active role in the community - and even be willing to take some actions - even if you are not 100% sure if you are doing things right - we will all learn together. and I ask that we all be patient with each other.

I will also add an image of the home page - with some notes on what different parts of the page do.

also you will notice on the right hand Link list - on the very top - some links that will help you understand the guideline we should all follow.

Again - thanks for being part of the group.

I hope we can all take an active role.

If you have a question you feel embarrassed to ask in the community - feel free to ask me privately.

Also I suggest you do some "exploring" in the "community" - realizing that there are numerous other groups - some of which you might be interested in joining.

**Thanks again
and we will see you "in the community"**

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Some other links of use:

FamilySearch main page

<https://www.familysearch.org/>

The General FamilySearch Community Home page

<https://community.familysearch.org/s/>

Community Rules:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1GZQCn4Cm-SLv5ofXuZ4rP2En8KuY7I-IL8b78JJCWcs/edit>

How to use FamilySearch Community

<https://community.familysearch.org/s/group/OF93A000000LfVtSAK/how-to-use-familysearch-community>

The Group interface page – and what is what:

You can usually hold down the “CTRL key” and also tap the plus/minus keys (+ -) to zoom in and zoom out.

The screenshot shows the FamilySearch group page for 'Yancey/Yancy Family Genealogy'. The page is annotated with red arrows and text boxes explaining various features:

- Navigation:** Red arrows point to 'Home', 'My Feed', 'Questions', and 'Groups' in the top navigation bar, with the note: "These links apply to the 'FamilySearch community over all - and not specifically to the Yancey Group'".
- Search:** A red arrow points to the search bar with the note: "this search - searches the ENTIRE community area - and not just the Yancey Group".
- Join Group:** A red arrow points to the '+ Join Group' button with the note: "where a 'visitor' to the group would be joining the group".
- Group Header:** The group name 'Yancey/Yancy Family Genealogy' is highlighted with a red box and the note: "where you can submit a Post, Poll, Question to the Yancey group".
- Feed:** The main content area is labeled "The downward 'feed' of the Yancey Group (most recent items on top)".
- My Groups:** A red arrow points to the 'My Groups' section with the note: "groups you are a member of (there are many community groups in FamilySearch)".
- Members:** A red arrow points to the 'View All' button in the members list with the note: "where you can see the members of the group".
- Post Interaction:** A red box highlights the 'Like', 'Comment', and 'Share' buttons at the bottom of a post, with the note: "Options available related to each item in the feed (also 'reply' and 'best answer')".
- Search in Feed:** A red arrow points to the 'Search this feed...' box with the note: "search for term in Yancey Group feed".
- Group Resources:** A red arrow points to the 'Links' section under 'GROUP RESOURCES' with the note: "Links of interest to the Yancey group members".

The main post in the feed is titled "Family History Research – Dennis J Yancey" and contains the text: "Some thoughts on answering the common question: *WHAT do I do when someone else 'messes up' my family tree in FamilySearch with erroneous information??*. Some Ideas: (my own feelings based on years of on line collaborative research) - and not official FS guidelines."