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- 1. EUGEAN SKIRVING (service number not shown) Pvt Troop B 10th Regt of Cavalry, U.S. Army. Born Charleston, SC, age 21 9/12, no occupation shown, enlisted Columbus Barracks, OH, date not shown, discharged 16 Jan 1918 at Fort Huachusa, AZ.
- ERVIN VAN H. HITCHCOCK, #120463 MM 2/cl U S Navy, certificate in lieu of lost or destroyed original discharge, states "performed honorable and active service in the United States Navy from July 5th, 1918 to 13 Oct 1919 on board ships USS Kentucky and USS America."
- 3. IVY L. REGISTER, #3588923, Sgt Medical Dept, Camp Wheeler, GA. Bor n Dover, FL, age 25, mechanic, enlisted 4 Sep 1918 Tampa, FL, discharged 5 Mar 1919 US Army Base Hospital, Camp Wheeler, GA.
- Charles E. CUNEO, #1350604, Pvt 1/cl Infantry. Born Plant City, FL., age 27, electrician, enlisted
 Aug 1917 Tampa, FL. discharged 26 Apr 1919 at Camp Gordon, GA.
- ALBERT BERRY #814486 (?), Pvt QMC. Born Montgomery, AL, age 18 3/4, miner, enlisted 4
 Jun 1918 at Fort Screven, GA. discharged 22 Sep 1919 at Camp Gordon, GA.
- SEAVY J. NILES, #1883845, Pvt Co. 3 Spl. Born Altoona, FL, age 22 11/12, fireman, enlisted 26 Apr 1918 Bartow, FL, discharged 30 Jun 1919 at Camp Jackson, SC
- 11. WILLIAM J. DRIGGERS, #1357943, Pvt 1/cl Engrs. Born Gainesville, FL, age 24 2/12, steam engineer, enlisted 18 Sep 1917 at Bartow, FL, discharged 16 Jul 1919 Camp Jackson, SC.
- 13. PERRY C. GRAHM (sic) #1359448, Pvt Inf. Born Pleasant Hill, AL, age 26 3/12, news-dealer, enlisted 18 Sep 1917 Tampa, FL, discharged 16 Jul 1919 Camp Jackson, SC.
- 15. KARL H. J. MEYER, #17724(?)73, Sgt Co 64 16 Bn 153. Born Elkton, MD, age 30 3/12, teamster, enlisted 6 Jun 1917 Philadelphia, PA, discharged 8 Jun 1919 Camp Dix, NJ.
- 17. MELVILLE GUNBY GIBBONS, #1606978, Chief Yeoman US 7th Naval District. Born Tampa, FL, age 24 9/12, no occupation shown, enlisted 11 Mar 1918 Tampa, FL, discharged 24 Jan 1921 Key West, FL.
- 19. CURTIS LANIER SPARKMAN, 1st Lt T.A. Demobilization Group, of Tampa, FL. Certificate in lieu of lost or destroyed original one from US Army 27 May 1918 Camp Gordon, GA.
- 21. JULIO ROSAS, #3870933, Pvt Inf Co. F 143 Inf. Born Kay West, FL, age 26, cigar maker, inducted 15 Jul 1918 Tampa, FL, discharged 11 Jun 1919 Camp Gordon, GA
- 23. GEORGE M. HENRIQUEZ, #3277735, Pvt Co B 156. Born Key West, FL, age 24 5/12, mechanic, enlisted 26 Jun 1918 West Tampa, FL, discharged 21 May 1919 Camp Gordon, GA.
- 25. CHARLES E. NIPP, #1351890, Wagoner Co. A 1 M.G. Bn. Born Tampa, FL, age 22, chauffeur, enlisted 18 Jul 1917 Tampa, FL, discharged 26 Sep 1919 Camp Gordon, GA.



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- 27. HOMER WYNNE HESTERLY, (service number not shown), Capt of Engrs, Certificate in lieu of lost or destroyed original discharge states he was "honorably discharged from U.S. Army at Camp A. D. Humphreys, VA on 23 Jul 1919."
- ELIJAH L. WEATHERLY, #794080, Cook Medical Dept. Born Arcadia, FL, age 20 5/12 fruit packer, enlisted 14 Sep 1917 Tampa, FL., discharged 28 Mar 1919 US General Hospital, Fort Oglethorpe, GA.
- 31. WENDELL SULLIVAN, #6319637, Sgt. Co. "C" M.T.C. #305 Regular Army. Born Philadelphia, Pa, age 23, teamster, enlisted 25 Aug 1919 Ft. Oglethorpe, GA, discharged 9 Mar 1921 Army & Navy General Hospital, Hot Springs, AR.
- 33. JULIUS WEIL, #779608, Sgt. QMC Vet Tr School. Born Nuremberg, Germany, age 28 5/12 salesman, enlisted 14 Dec 1917 Ft. Screven, GA, discharged 5 Feb 1919 Camp Gordon, GA.
- 35. JAMES WILHITE CRUM, (service number not shown), Capt Medical Corps, Certificate in lieu of lost or destroyed original discharge, states he was "honorably discharged 17 Jul 1919 at Camp Gordon, GA."
- 37. CARL B. WHEELER, #1351853, Sgt. Inf. Born Knights, FL, age 19, clerk, inducted 7 (?) Feb 1917 Tampa, FL, discharged 2 Aug 1919 Camp Gordon, GA
- 39. WILLIS HAYES MORTON (service number not shown), Certificate in lieu of lost or destroyed original discharge, states he was "honorably discharged 10 Dec 1918 at Hdqrs. Camp McClellan, Anniston, AL.
- 41. FRANK LONGO, (service number not shown), Pvt 2nd Bn. 1st Prov Dev Brg Regt, born Alexander, Italy, age 22 2/12 store clerk, enlisted 17 Sep 1918 New York City, NY, discharged 6 Dec 1918 at Camp Jackson, SC.
- 43. TONY GUIDA, #1351785, Pvt H Co 30th Inf. A.E.F. US Army, born Girgenti, Italy, age 23 8/12, cigar maker, enlisted 22 Aug 1917 Tampa, FL, discharged 6 Dec 1918 Ft. McPherson, GA.
- 45. FRANK W. MYERS, #785869, Cpl QMC 439th Spl Train, born Port Tampa City, FL, age 20 6/12, chauffeur, enlisted 18 Dec 1917, Tampa, FL, discharged 5 Sep 1919 Camp Shelby, MS.
- 47. CHARLES A. SCHULDT, JR. #2407346, Pvt 1/cl Co G 34th Engrs, US Army, born Newark, NJ, age 24 6/12, electrical, inducted 24 Feb 1918, Newark, NJ, discharged 5 Jul 1919 Camp Dix, NJ.
- 49. HENRY R. MONROE, #1884141, Cpl 2 A 306th Amm Train, born Camden, NY, age 31 10/12, farmer, enlisted 26 Apr 1918 Tampa, FL, discharged 17 Jul 1919 Camp Gordon, GA.
- 51. ARTHUR G. FREY, #1883702 Cpl, born Orlando, FL, age 23 1/12, journalist, enlisted 27 Apr 1918 Orlando, FL, discharged 3 Dec 1918 Camp Zachary Taylor, KY
- 53. JOSEPH CHICHESTER, #1691046, Pvt. 1/cl Engrs, born Charleston, SC, age 31 4/12 cigar maker, enlisted 31 Mar 1918 Tampa, FL, discharged 30 Jul 1919, Camp Gordon, GA.

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- 55. FORDHAM FINCH, #3993388, Pvt Co G Rec. Trng, BN #1, born Kingsville, SC, age 23, RR man, enlisted 17 Jul 1918 Valdosta, GA, discharged 7 Dec 1918, Camp Gordon, GA.
- 57. ELIHU G. WILLIAMS, #1747771, Pvt. Hdqr. Co. 310 Inf 78 Dev, born Shafts Corner, NJ, age 21 carpenter, enlisted 3 Apr 1918 Ashbury Park, NJ, discharged 5 Jun 1919 Camp Dix, NJ.
- 59. OSCAR EDWARD BAYNARD, (no service number shown) Mess Sgt of Camp Hdqrs Det., US Army, born Harrington, DE, age 35 7/12, saw mill manager, enlisted 17 Jun 1918 Tampa, FL, discharged 15 Jan 1919 Camp Jackson, SC
- 61. CHARLIE WOEHLK, #6323871, Pvt 14th Service Co. Signal Corps, born Brooklyn, NY, age 18 5/12, laborer, enlisted 9 Sep 1920 Ft. Oglethorpe, GA, discharged 15 Jul 1921 Camp Alfred Vail, NJ.
- 63. ROBERT C. REINHARDT, #203833, Pvt Air Service Regular Army, born New York, NY, age 23 8(?)/12 mechanic, enlisted 15 Aug 1919 Camp Merritt, NJ, discharged 29 Jul 1921, Carlstrom Field, FL.
- 64. ROBERT C. REINHARDT, #203833, Corpl., Certificate shows he was appointed Sgt. 1 Feb 1921 Carlstrom Field, FL.
- 65. ROBERT C. REINHARDT, #203833, Pvt. Recruit Co. Camp Merritt Cas. BN, born New York City,. NY, age 21 2/12, teamster, enlisted 10 Apr 1917 Slocum, NY, discharged 14 Aug 1010 Camp Merritt, NJ.
- 66. ROBERT C. REINHARDT, certificate shows he was appointed Corporal, Air Service of US Army, 6 Dec 1920 at Carlstrom Field, Arcadia, FL.
- 67. JOSEPH L. KNOWLES, #6323638, Pvt Co C 25th Inf, born West Tampa, FL, age 22 11/12, cigar maker, enlisted 18 Aug 1920 Ft. Oglethorpe, GA, discharged 28 Jul 1921, Nogales, AZ.
- 69. DAVID EDRIE (?) MORTON, #48095, Seaman US Navy, born Tampa, FL, age 19 5/12 (no occupation shown) enlisted 9 Apr 1918 Atlanta, GA, discharged 11 Sep 1919 Charleston, SC from the USS Hartford.
- 71. WILL C. WALKER (no service number shown), Pvt Motor Co 15, Medical Dept, born Tampa, FL, age 23 9/12 marine engineer, inducted 23 Jul 1918 Tampa, FL, discharged 21 Dec 1918 Camp Greenleaf, GA.
- 73. JOSEPH E. LYLES, #5121024 (also shows #5122024), Pvt R Troop and 30th Co "C", Camp Lee, VA, born Louisville, KY, age 19 8/12 student, enlisted 9 Oct 1918 Charlotsville, VA, discharged 3 Dec 1918, Camp Lee, VA.
- 75. RALPH H. MILLER, #6333499, Pvt I/cl Air Service, regular Army, born Allensville, KY, age 18 1/12, chauffeur, enlisted 24 Jun 1920 Carlstrom Field, FL, discharged 30 Aug 1921 Carlstrom Field, FL
- 77. MELDRIM M. STRICKLAND, (no service number shown) Pvt Co "H" 101st Inf, born Hernando Co., FL, age 27, box maker, enlisted 15 Aug 1917 Tampa, FL., discharged 26 Apr 1919 Camp Gordon, GA.

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- 79. THOMAS HENRY DUNN, #1884155, Cpl Co C 306 Am TN, born Fall River, MA, age 25 10/12, chauffeur, enlisted 26 Apr 1918 Tampa, FL, discharged 26 Jun 1919 Camp Jackson, SC
- 81. GEORGE W. SMITH, #814336, Pvt Co A Bn 156, born Bartow, FL, age 31 3/4 auto repair man, enlisted 25 May 1918 Hillsborough Co., FL., discharged 23 May 1919 Camp Jackson, SC.
- 83. WILLIAM L. MORGAN, #548179, Cpl. Co L 30th Inf Regular, born Hickstown, FL, age 18, farmer, enlisted 23 Sep 1917 at Ft. Screven, GA, discharged 12 Jun 1919 Mayen, Germany.
- 85. ROLAND D. McMAHON, (service number not shown) Pvt of Ordinance Corps 324th Inf Natl Army, born Blaine, KS, age 27, machinist, enlisted 18 Sep 1917 Tampa, FL, discharged 18 Nov 1917 Camp Jackson, SC.
- 87. THOMAS A. PATRICK, #721732, Pvt 40th Co 157 Depot Brigade, born New Briton, CT, age 18 6/12, clerk, enlisted 24 Nov 1917 Tampa, FL, discharged 13 Feb 1919 Camp Gordon, GA.
- 89. CLARENCE J. HAMILTON, #228548, Pvt B Co Disch BN, born Tampa, FL, age 21 2/12, mechanice, enlisted 6 Oct 1917 Ft. Slocum NY, discharged 5 May 1914 Camp Jackson, SC.
- 91. ROCHE V. HUTCHINGSON (sic), #1884048, Corp Co E 306th A.T., born Lake City, FL, age 23, soda, jerker, enlisted 26 Apr 1918 Tampa, FL, discharged 17 Jun 1919 Camp Jackson, SC.
- 93. ROY PRESTON, Sea 2/c NRF, per statement from Commanding Officer, Armed Draft Detail, Navy Yard, NY, "released him at his request from active duty, but not discharged from Naval Reserve Force 6 Dec 1918."
- 95. LEONARD MOBLEY, (no service number shown), Pvt Co G 124th Inf Regt, born O'Brien, FL, age 38, glass cutter, enlisted 18 Sep 1917 Tampa, FL, discharged 31 Jan 1918 Camp Wheeler, GA.
- 97. TOM L. SMITH, #1350847, Cpl QMC Prov Sply Co, born Keysville, FL, age 24, farmer, enlisted 18 Sep 1917 Tampa, FL, discharged 26 Jul 1919 Camp Gordon, GA.
- 99. ROLLIE C. HILL, #3501341, Pvt 1/cl Medical Dept, born Hamilton, GA, age 31 7/12, electrician, enlisted 28 Jun 1918 Memphis, TN, discharged 4 Feb 1919 Camp Gordon, GA.
- 101. FRANCIS W. TWILLEY, #3587345, Pvt Co 6 Recg Camp, Camp Wheeler, GA, Certificate in lieu of lost or destroyed original discharge, "enlisted 6 Sep 1918 Atlanta, GA, discharged 10 Dec 1918 (place not shown.)
- 103. ROBERT D. EVANS, #1322322, Pvt Signal Corps, born, Camden, NJ, age 18, electrician, enlisted 1 Apr 1920 Ft. Oglethorpe, GA, discharged 31 Aug 1921, Camp Grant, IL.
- 105. TROY ANDERSON BROWN, #1136711, Electrician Mate 1/cl Prov., Naval Reserve, born Dade City, FL, age 28 8/12, no occupation shown, enlisted 6 Oct 1917 Jacksonville, FL, Discharged 30 Sep 1921 Key West, FL.

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- 107. JOHN P. GARDNER, #1351777, Sgt Inf, born Barnesville, GA, age 24 2/12, laundry man, enlisted 9 Jun 1917 Tampa, FL, discharged 9 Jul 1919 Mitchell Field, NY.
- 109. FRANK MARLEY, #2900525, Pvt Co H Regt of Inf, US Army, Certificate in lieu of lost or destroyed original, stated he "enlisted 23 May 1918 Ft. Oglethorpe, GA, discharged 18 Aug 1918 (place not shown)"
- 111. RAY THURMAN SMITH, #4663, 2/cl Seaman, USN, born Cedar Grove, GA, age 21 9/12, no occupation shown, enlisted 23 Aug 1918 Nashville, TN, discharged 25 Feb 1919 US Naval Trng Station, Great Lakes, IL.
- 113. MIKE SANSONE, #1351512, Sgt Co A, Dis. Bn. 156 D.B., US Army, born Greguida, Italy, age 28, barber, enlisted 1 Aug 1916 Plant City, FL, Discharged 15 May 1919 Camp Jacksn, SC.
- 115. JOHN D. STANLEY, (service number not shown), Pvt Co E 124th Regt of Inf, born Socastee, SC, age 22, farmer, enlisted 3 Aug 1917 Bradentown, FL, discharged 17 Dec 1918 Camp Wheeler, GA.
- 117. JAMES A. MANEKOS, #2906943, Pvt 2 M Corps, born Sparta, Greece, age 22 9/12, hat cleaner, cnlisted 26 Jul 1918 Tampa, FL, discharged 12 May 1919 Camp Joseph E. Johnston, FL.
- 119. HANSON RANDOLPH THROWER, #1038136, Seaman 2/cl Provisional, US Naval Reserve, born Bartow, FL, age 30 6/12 (no occupation shown), enlisted 4 Jun 1919 Tampa, FL, discharged 30 Sep 1921 Key West, FL.
- 121. LOU B. POSTON, #1884045, F.A. Co 306 Amm Train, US Army, born Mooresvill (sic), NC, age 25, auto mechanic, enlisted 26 Apr 1918 Tampa, FL, discharged 26 Jun 1919 Camp Jackson, SC.
- 123. FOSTER B. WADSWORTH, #721616, Cook C.A.C. Detachment, born DeSoto Co., FL, age 32 7/12, farmer, enlisted 30 May 1917 Tampa, FL, discharged 16 Dec 1918 Camp Joseph E. Johnston, FL.
- 125. ARCHIE A. WADSWORTH, #1351944, Pvt A.S.C., born Zolfo Springs, FL, age 27 5/12, farmer, enlisted 18 Sep 1917 Tampa, FL, discharged 22 Sep 1919, Camp Gordon, GA.
- 127. JASPER W. TUCKER, #720632, Wagoner Coast Artillery, born Riverview, FL, age 23, mill hand, enlisted 13 Aug 1917 St. Petersburg, FL, discharged 29 Mar 1919 Camp Gordon, GA.
- 129. RUFUS B. LENNARD, #6320588, Pvt Remount Sqdn, born Riverview, FL., age 22, truck driver, enlisted 30 Oct 1919 Ft. Oglethorpe, GA, discharged 27 Oct 1920 Remount Depot, Ft. Bliss, TX.
- 131. CLYDE EDWARD MILLER, (service number not shown), Electrician Mate 3/cl, 7th Naval District, IS Naval Reserve, born Winchester, IN (no occupation shown), enlisted 12 Dec 1917 Tampa, FL, discharged 11 Dec 1921 Key West, FL.
- 133. ARGUS J. CURRY, #814795, Pvt Co 6th Am Tn, born Gadsden, AL, age 25 6/12, ship builder, enlisted 3 May 1918 Tampa, FL, discharged 21 Jun 1919 Camp Jackson, SC.

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- 135. ROBERT R. ENGRAM (sic), #721461, Pvt 1/cl Bat C, born Atlanta, GA, age 26 1/12, cigar packer, enlisted 30 May 1917 Tampa, FL, discharged 18 Dec 1918 Camp Greenleaf, GA.
- 137. SAMUEL JACKSON GRADY GOLDEN, (service number not shown), Yeoman 1/cl, born Ozark, AL, age 21, bookkeeper, enlisted 4 Jul 1917 Jacksonville, FL, discharged 8 Feb 1919 Philadelphia, PA.
- 139. JOHN LAVONG, #787478, Pvt QM Co D 322 Serv Bn, born Key West, FL, age 28 7/12, cigar maker, enlisted 26 Apr 1918 Tampa, FL, discharged 17 Jul 1919 Camp Jackson, SC.
- 141. ALVARO J. SANCHEZ, #1351818, Sgt 1/c Hdq Det, born Brooklyn, New York City,. NY, age 19 8/12 shipping clerk, enlisted 3 Aug 1917 Tampa, FL, discharged 9 Oct 1919 Camp Gordon, GA.
- 143. PETER PAUL RUIZ, #1351823, Cook Inf Co C Bn 145, born Matanzas, Cuba, age 29, bookeeper, enlisted 10 Sep 1917 Tampa, FL, discharged 24 May 1919 Camp Jackson, SC.
- 145. ARTHUR SMELT, #6314293, Pvt Det Medical Dept Specialist 4/cl, born New York City, NY, age 18 1/12, salesman, enlisted 17 Jun 1920 at Ft. Dade, FL, discharged 16 Jun 1921 Fort Dade, FL.
- 147. FRANK R. GICK, #1902383, Spl Sgt Co A Hdq Bn G.H.Q., born New York, NY, age 22 8/12, chauffeur, enlisted 28 Sep 1917 New York, NY, discharged 25 Sep 1919 Camp Dix, NJ.
- 149. MALROY FRIER, #1056253, Cpl Co B Eng, born Tampa, FL, age 18 carpenter, enlisted 17 Dec 1916 Tampa, FL., discharged 24 Apr 1919 Camp Jackson, SC.
- 151. JAMES RUSSELL MOORE, #1436005, Aviation Machinist's Mate 1/cl, Naval Reserve, born Ft. Meade, FL, age 24 1/12 (no occupation shown, enlisted 20 Jun 1918 Buffalo, NY., discharged 30 Sep 1921 Key West, FL.
- 153. HERBERT S. COLEMAN, #1910301, Cpl Co G 328 Inf, born London, England, age 28, concrete driller, enlisted 3 Oct 1917 New Haven, CT, discharged 29 May 1919 Camp Upton, NJ.
- 155. JUDSON C. VINING, #721615, Cpl C.A.C. US Army, born Wildwood, FL, age 22 4/12, farmer, enlisted 30 May 1917 Tampa, FL, discharged 15 Dec 1919 Camp Joseph E. Johnston, FL.
- 157. WILLIAM R. GRAHAM, #711449, Pvt 1/cl 270 Aero Sqdn, born Owensboro, KY, age 22 7/12, vulcanizer, enlisted 27 Nov 1917 Ft. Oglethorpe, GA, discharged 22 Jul 1919 Camp Gordon, GA.
- 159. AUGUSTUS FRANK CORNELIUS, #1226946, Yeoman 1/cl Naval Reserve Force, born Homerville, GA, age 30 (no occupation shown), enlisted 7 Mar 1918 Tampa, FL, discharged 30 Sep 1921 Charleston, SC.
- 161. HENRY B. POLLMAN, #1114346, Sgt QMC, born New Orleans, LA, age 26 8/12, cigar packer, enlisted 12 Dec 1917 Tampa, FL, discharged 17 Apr 1919 Rich Field, Waco, TX.

Extracted by Ceta Armitage

To be continued

THE SEARCH FOR A. J. LASTINGER By Robert A. Whitecar

I had a surname plus initials for the given name, to complete the data on the individual actually it was my g-g-grandfather. I thought I had searched everywhere. The census records for the period of his life only referred to him as A. J. LASTINGER. He was born before birth registration was required, so that avenue was out.

How about his marriage license then? As you might suspect the marriage record in the Hillsborough County Courthouse was made out to Sarah Catherine BOZEMAN and.... you guessed it ... A. J. LASTINGER. Where next?

Well, he died in Florida so, write for his death certificate. The proper forms were filled out and then mailed. I waited and waited for Jacksonville Vital Statistics to answer. Finally the letter arrived; impatiently I quickly opened the envelope.

"Dear Mr. Whitecar, ... We have made a careful search of the records but regret we were unable to find any record for the death of A. J. LASTINGER.." Another dead end.

Next the bright light came on and another trip was made to the cemetery Right again; the tombstone was engraved A. J. LASTINGER. One more grave-site possibility – their daughter, my g-grandmother. Eagerly I hunted the grave and what did I find? "Irma E. LASTINGER, dau. of A. J. and S.C. LASTINGER."

Noting the time period for which I was working, as can be expected, I had a hunch that A. J. was Andrew Jackson. A common concept of that time was naming a child after a famous person of the era. But I still did not have proof.

To recap, I had tried census, death, birth, and marriage records, plus property sales and purchases. A.J. was very careful to always use the initials rather than his full name.

Among the data that I had so carefully amassed on this family were city directory notes. One day while writing a cousin about this branch, I quoted the directory entries. 1903 Sallie C, - widow of A. Jackson; 1905 Sallie C. - widow Andrew J.; 1907 LASTINGER, Sarah C. - widow Andrew J.; 1908 no indication of marital status; 1909Sarah C. - widow A. Jackson; 1912 Sarah C. - widow A. Jackson; 1913 LASTINGER, Sarah C. - widow A. Jackson, etc...

Now the reader probably did as I did and read right through these entries to get to the addresses and other information a city directory will give the determined fact-finder. I have had these xeroxed pages for several years and had never really read them. This time I did!

Did the reader notice that in 1903 Sallie was the widow of A. Jackson, that at least gave me the middle name and reinforced the theory that I was looking for Andrew Jackson LASTINGER, but I still had nothing solid to base my theory on. Then I saw it for the first time... 1907 LASTINGER, Sarah C. widow of Andrew J. I finally had the name I had hunted for such a long time! ANDREW JACKSON LASTINGER.... my theory had been right but now I had the desperately needed proof.

I've written this little lesson to show that sometimes when reading a document, we can overlook the obvious by trying too hard. ALWAYS CAREFULLY AND THOROUGHLY READ YOUR CITATIONS!

