

Family Migration History

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I chose to focus on my Mother's side of the family for my Family Migration History study. My grandfather recently passed away and my mother and my uncle have been researching some of the genealogy research that my grandfather had started. My photo collage travels clockwise and begins with an image of the Gauntlett family crest. The Gauntlett (my grandfather) and Bradfield (my grandmother) line traces all the way back to William the Conqueror who was my great-great....great grandfather. I included in the collage an image of a tapestry commemorating William the Conqueror. There is then a photo of Queen Victoria as my great-great grandmother was her lady-in-waiting at Buckingham Palace. As a lady-in-waiting she was in charge of waking the Queen, brushing her hair, dressing her, and basically assisting her throughout the day. My grandparents are something like 48th cousins to Prince Charles, which is why I included a photo of him in the collage. Around the time of WWII, both the Gauntlett and Bradfield families both settled in Portsmouth where they worked as dock hands at the dock yards. My grandparents (who are cousins) were married and started a family of their own. My grandmother was an actress and my grandfather worked for a building design firm. I found it interesting that my grandmother and my grandfather were both involved in the arts through performance, drawing, and design because I was also involved in drama club and passionate about the arts before I knew this about my grandparents. My grandfather was a very talented designer; he actually designed the lights for South Parade Pier in Portsmouth. He later became was a building inspector/fire inspector for the British government. The American government was impressed with my grandfather's portfolio and hired him to work in the states. On July 17, 1971 my grandparents, my mother, my aunt, and my uncle migrated to Roswell, Ga. After graduating from Roswell High School, my mom moved from Roswell to Statesboro to go to Georgia Southern University. She graduated with a degree in Education and then moved to Denver, Colorado where she met my daddy. They married almost immediately, and two years later I was born!