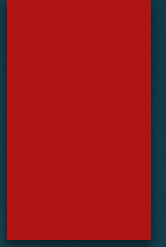


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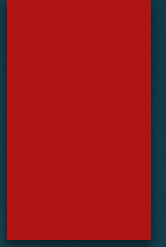
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- ▶ My background
- ▶ My assumption for today
- ▶ CODIS/NDIS/DCI
- ▶ Genalogical Proof Standard

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- ▶ Intersection of life experiences
 - ▶ Unclaimed veterans' remains in Chicago – 2003
 - ▶ My own search and what I learned researching my adopted family and my biological family

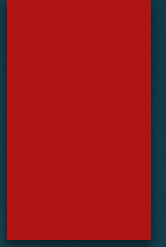
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Problems

- ▶ Next of kin: Who are they?
- ▶ Some families have secrets
- ▶ Some people lie
- ▶ Some people do not want to be involved. Do they want to be contacted?
- ▶ Name changes
 - ▶ Adoptions
 - ▶ Other name changes
- ▶ Unintentional errors
- ▶ Accuracy of the census taker
- ▶ Going back more than one generation

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Data Bases



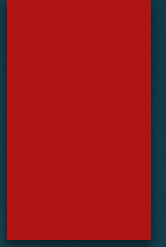
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Privacy

- ▶ Family search – Free; no DNA
- ▶ Ancestry – Privacy restrictions
- ▶ Free Data Base limitations
- ▶ Other data bases' costs give access to other records

Searching for Family Members And Finally



- ▶ Document and stay organized
- ▶ Nathan Dylan Goodwin
- ▶ Questions?