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### **Like cold water to a weary soul is good news from a distant land**



When the news is filled with stories of crime, murder, and wars, it is no wonder that so much is made of a tragedy averted, like the crash this January of a U.S. Airways plane into the Hudson River. In case you missed the story, let me briefly fill you in. A jet airplane with 155 people on board suffered the failure of both engines, probably due to hitting a flock of birds, minutes after take off from La Guardia Airport in New York City. The pilot, Chesley B. "Sully" Sullenberger, quickly realized he could not make it to an airport for emergency landing and made the decision to land in the Hudson River. Thanks to his quick thinking and skill, he safely set the plane down intact on the water. Amazingly, relative clam and order ensued and assisted by the flight crew, passengers left the plane through emergency exits and stood on the plane's wings, awaiting rescue. Ships and ferries nearby quickly came and the plane's entire passengers and crew were miraculously saved. Before he left the plane, the pilot walked the sinking vessel twice to ensure that every person had gotten out.

Captain Sully, who was instantly hailed as a hero, displayed his true character when he acted decisively instead of panicking. A hero, according to my dictionary, shows great courage, strength and nobility. I think Captain Sully fits the definition. I salute him, and I hope he sleeps well at night, knowing that because of what he did, 155 people today enjoy life. If heroes are made, not born, than we all have a chance at greatness. As ordinary people find themselves thrust into extraordinarily difficult times, they have the opportunity to respond with personal courage, strength, and selflessness. We can each become heroes in our separate spheres.



A few months ago, I foolishly tried to move our ping pong table by myself. When I lifted one half up, I lost control. The side I was lifting flipped over and fell on the other side, crashing both halves to the floor. Many of the screws ripped out of the wood, or rather, the particle board. I felt like a rat fink as I gathered all the pieces—legs, table tops, screws and brackets—and set the whole mess aside. My husband assured me that it could be repaired, but Joe is a busy man with many fires to put out, so the project was put on hold.

After the holidays, I got the crazy idea that I should try fixing the ping pong table myself, even though I am not naturally handy at home repairs. Joe gave me a few pointers and I went to work. I shaved a small piece of wood, made a composite of the wood shavings and glue, and filled the torn screw depressions with the goo. After it dried, I drilled new pilot holes and consulted the original assembly directions, before reassembling the ping pong table, this time, following the suggestion to have additional people help support the heavy table.

Once more we can play ping pong in our basement; although I wouldn't say the table is as good as new, it is certainly serviceable and adequate for our family's needs. I doubt my kids will think of me as a hero, but I certainly gained a small measure of satisfaction in attempting to do something that I didn't think I was capable of, and actually accomplishing it. I'll smile when I see them head downstairs with the ping pong paddles in hand.

On another note:  
Please look at the outside of your envelope. We have moved the 'dues due' notice to the bottom left side in the hopes it will stand out more. If your dues are due anytime before the end of March, when the next Journal is published, please use the enclosed envelope and remit them to us today. Also, the beautiful new Tristram Genealogy 2 Volume set has arrived and many have already been purchased. Order now while they are still available. You will find a form on the other side for that purpose.

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**Below are female nicknames and the Proper names associated with the nickname. In researching genealogy, so often the name given in a census, or other records, is a nickname. Our thanks to Linda Scott for sending the link to this list. We will continue this list in our March/April Journal and May/June if necessary.**

Nicknames	Proper Names:	Emmy	Emily, Emeline
Abbie, Abby	Abigail, Tabitha	Essie	Esther, Hester
Addie, Addy	Adelaide, Adeline	Etta	Henrietta, Louetta, Marietta
Allie	Alice	Fally	Eliphal
Annie	Ann, Anna	Fanny	Frances
Bab, Babbie	Barbara	Flora	Florence
Becca, Becky	Rebecca	Flossie	Florence
Bede	Obedience	Frankie	Frances
Bella	Arabella, Isabella, Mehetable, Mehitabel	Fronie	Sophonria
Belle	Isabel, Isabella, Mehetable, Mehitabel	Gen	Genevieve, Virginia
Bess, Bessie	Elizabeth	Gerty	Gertrude
Beth, Betsey	Elizabeth	Ginny	Virginia
Betty	Bethia, Elizabeth	Gussie	Augusta
Biah	Abiah	Hatty	Harriet
Biddy, Biddie	Bridget, Brigid, Obedience	Hepsy	Hepsibah
Briney	Sybrina	Hermie	Hermione
Caddie, Callie	Caroline	Hetty	Henrietta, Mehetable, Mehitabel
Carrie	Caroline	Hitty	Mehetable, Mehitabel
Cassie	Cassandra	Jenny	Jane, Janet, Genevieve, Virginia
Cindy	Lucinda, Luciana, Cynthia	Judy	Judith
Clara	Clarissa, Clarinda	Julie	Julia
Cleda	Cleophas	Kate, Kay	Catharine, Cathleen, Katharine, Kathleen
Clemmie	Clementine	Kersty	Christina (Scottish origin)
Con, Connie	Constance	Kitty	Catherine, Katherine
Crece, Crese	Lucretia	Kizzie	Kesiah
Crecy	Lucretia	Leafy	Relief
Debby	Deborah	Lena	Angelina, Caroline, Helen, Madeleine, Magdalen
Delia	Adelia, Bedelia, Cordelia, Fidelia, Phidelia	Lecta	Electa
Delphia	Philadelphia	Letty	Letitia
Dimmis	Damaris	Libbie	Elizabeth
Dolly, Dot	Dorothy	Lisa	Melissa
Donia	Fredonia	Livy	Olive, Olivia
Dosia	Theodosia	Liza	Adeliza, Elizabeth
Edie	Edith	Liz, Lizzie	Elizabeth
Eliza	Elizabeth	Lollie, Lottie	Charlotte
Ellen	Eleanor, Elinamifia	Lou	Louetta, Louisa, Louise
Elly	Eleanore, Ellen, Helen	Lucy	Lucinda, Luciana
Elsie	Alice, Eleanor, Ellen, Ealasaid (Gaelic),	Lynne	Belinda, Melinda

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