

Ancient Clay Tablets Can Prove Owners of Property



Ancient Clay Tablet dating back to 5,000 B. C.

The interest in genealogy becomes more real as old towns and cities are discovered by archaeologists.

In this way, genealogy and archeology are becoming connected. Goodness knows, we need to find the old relics to help us with the search for lost ancestors. Just about everything can be explained if we can find a few facts, sites and relics.

For example, did you know that the writing on clay tablets may be admitted into evidence in a law suit? It could very well affect the transfer of real property, and the place of discovery is sufficient to establish its authenticity. Here are some of the guidelines under Common Law. The document must be at least thirty years old, the equivalent of one generation. It must appear to be genuine and free from suspicion. For

example, if the date of the document or the signatures of the parties to it appeared to have been altered, it was not considered genuine. At the time of discovery, the document must be situated in a likely location or in the possession of a person who would logically have had access to it, such as a deed found in the office of the county clerk or in the custody of the attorney for one of the parties to the writing. An ancient writing must also have related to the transfer of real property, for example, a will, a deed, or a mortgage.

All of these requirements must be met.