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Bartholomew became interested in genealogy about 10 ago, after agreeing to help her mother, Ida-Rose Langford Hall, with some research. She said her mother had been an avid genealogist for many years and had even written a book on family history.

"When I was growing up I thought she was crazy," Bartholomew said. "I wondered what she could possibly see in all those dusty old records."

But when she successfully ferreted out a tricky piece of information for her mother, Bartholomew felt an instant sense of connection with her ancestors.