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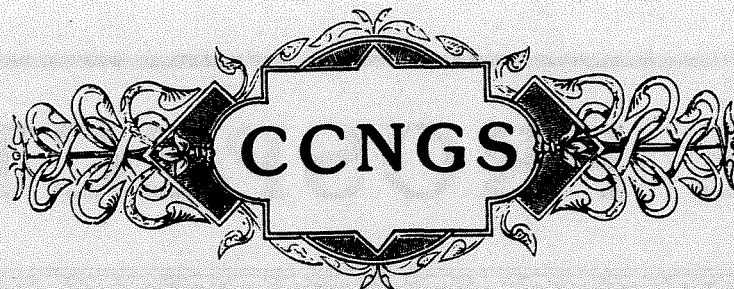


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CCNGS a non-profit organization meets on the second Tuesday of each month, in the Drawbridge Room of Commercial Center, 900 East Karen , Suite A-210, Las Vegas, Nevada, at 7:00 pm. A business meeting is held, followed by a guest speaker and refreshments. Our purpose is to provide instruction for collecting, preserving, and publicizing genealogical, historical and geographical materials.

Yearly membership dues are as follows:

Single membership.....	\$ 12.00
Life membership.....	120.00
Family membership/husband and wife.....	15.00
Subscription to Prospector only.....	5.00

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Queries are free to CCNGS members and \$1.00 for non-members. There is a limit of 3 queries per issue per person. Queries must be resubmitted to reappear. Material submission deadlines are the 15th of the month prior to the month of issue.

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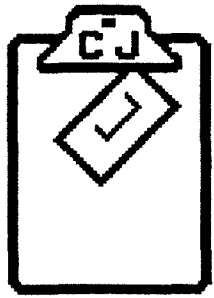
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President's Message

First, I want to wish everyone a Happy New Year! I hope that this last year of the 80's decade is indeed one of the best of the decade for everyone.

Secondly, I wish to thank the 4 Board Members who have volunteered to take on the responsibility for the preparation of our newsletter, The Prospector. As I stated many times, it was difficult for just me alone to handle all the work of corresponding, writing, editing, designing, entering into the computer, and printing the newsletter. We are fortunate to now have 4 people doing the work. Thank you.

Thirdly, our next 'field trip' will be to the St. George, Utah Family History Center on Saturday, January 21. The two hour drive will start about 7 AM PST allowing us to arrive when they open at 10 AM MST. This will give us 4 hours of research in the nearest FHC to our own large Center here in Las Vegas. Maybe we can stop at the Peppermill on the way back for a snack or whatever.

Lastly, I ask you to mention any topics, large or small, that you would like to see addressed during our meetings. We all want to provide information and techniques that can help in our common endeavor--to further explore our ancestors.

Happy hunting,

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LOOK WHAT I FOUND... so can you!

by Joyce Kelley Morris

This last year our Society asked it's members to submit names of other Societies with which they would like to exchange quarterly publications. One of the names I submitted was that of the Jefferson County Arkansas Genealogical Society.

At our meeting in August, the secretary brought in the mail and there was our first exchange with Jefferson County and to my delight this query was in that issue -

BRIDGES
ANDERSON

Seeking any info on Joseph Green BRIDGES. Census says he was born around 1858 in Mississippi. Married to Laura ANDERSON March 9, 1884 in Jefferson Co.

ANDERSON
GIBBINS

Seeking any info on Richard M. ANDERSON. father of Laura ANDERSON. Census says he was born in Tennessee. Married Mary GIBBINS August 2, 1852, we think. Lived in Whiteville Township.

Sonja Bridges Martin, 112 Kings Creek, Terrell, TX 75160

Now, Joseph Bridges is my great great grandfather. His first wife, Mary Jane Anderson was sister to Laura and my great great grandmother. Joseph married Laura about a year after Mary Jane's death. Laura is Sonja Martin's great great grandmother.

Needless to say I was excited. I called Sonja the next day and since then we have exchanged information and she sent me directions to the cemetery where Mary Jane and her mother Mary Anderson were buried. She had previously tried to find the cemetery herself but without luck.

While I was in Arkansas this last September I went looking for the cemetery. There was a feeling in me that said "Don't leave until you find it". It was getting dark and finally with the help of a local man I was able to find it. Hidden in the woods, covered with grass and brush, there was my cemetery. As I was walking up to the headstones the feeling was overwhelming. It is still unbelievable.

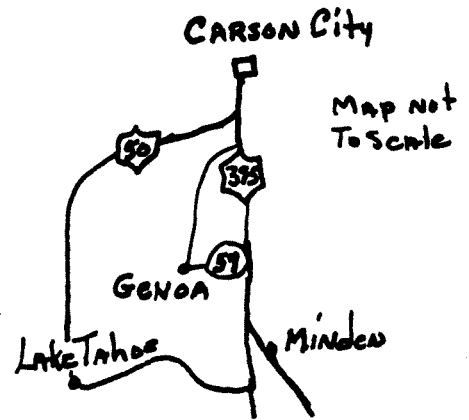
Now a lesson or two from this story? Get those requests in for exchanges, even become a member of a Society in the area you are researching, never give up looking and get those queries in - you never know who may see them.

There is one sad part to this story. Sonja was able to visit the cemetery in November and in the few months since I was there someone vandalized it. It is hard to understand how or why since it was in such a remote area. But maybe that feeling I had to find it was there for a reason. Another lesson, perhaps?

a glimpse of the past...

OUR NEVADA

Extracted for the Clark County Review Newspaper
Vol. 2, No. 23 - June 4, 1910



OLD GENOA

The First Built in Nevada

Gardnerville Record Courier says that unless immediate steps are taken the old log cabin, the first house built in Nevada and still standing in Genoa, will be torn down and chopped up for fire wood. This would remove forever one of the most prized relics of pioneer days that stands within the borders of Nevada. It was in this building that the first public meeting held in the state took place. That was in 1851. The object of that meeting was to organize a squatter government and to adopt local rules for governing the settlers and their property. The meeting agreed upon a petition to the National Congress for a Territorial government. Five days later a local form of government was adopted.

An attempt was then made to get a representative at Washington to represent the territorial Government and James W. Crane was elected as delegate. Crane having died, John J. Musser was elected as his successor on November 11, 1859.

On June 6th 1859, a mass meeting of delegates from the several districts was held at the old cabin at which meeting the 14th of July, same year, was the date set for holding an election for the purpose of electing delegates to a constitutional convention. The delegates so elected met at Genoa on the 18th of July and in ten day's session adopted a declaration of rights and a constitution. The constitution was submitted to the people and adopted in September, 1859 and Isaac Roop was elected governor, along with the other state officers.

The legislature met at the log house in December, 1859 and adjourned the meet in July of the following year.

Thus it is seen that the early history of Nevada is closely connected with this historical old building and it will be nothing short of a burning shame if the people of the state let a few dollars stand in the way of preserving this building. It is to Nevada what Sutter's Fort is to California and we should prize its historical value with as much pride as do the Californians their old building.



Old Genoa, con't.

Four years ago Senator Mack introduced a bill to the legislature for the purchase by the state of the log house and worked hard for its passage. The measure was defeated by some pinheaded members of the legislature who could see no value in preserving this building.

The only way left to save it from being razed is by popular subscription through the medium of the Nevada Historical Society.

This is from the same newspaper just one month later -
Vol. 2, No. 27 - July 2, 1910

FIRE DESTROYS OLDEST TOWN

Flames Wipe out Old Genoa County Seat of Douglas

Genoa, county seat of Douglas county and the oldest town in Nevada on the line of the Great Overland stage road, was practically wiped out of existence by fire last Tuesday afternoon.

The flames started in the poor house where an inmate was disinfesting. The fire department from Gardnerville made the eight-mile trip and did good work. Most of the buildings were two-story. The buildings totally destroyed are the poor house, Hansen saloon, Central hotel, residence of Sheriff Wyatt, Odd Fellows' hall, Campbell's warehouse, Union church, Wyatt's barn, Grass' blacksmith shop, the historic first house in Nevada and Hansen's hall. A number of other buildings were badly wrecked. Loss over \$30,000. A steam fire engine with fifty men was rushed from Carson to Minden to aid the fighters but the fire was under control and so it returned home.

This means the county seat will be moved to Minden or Gardnerville.

(Note - according to the Handy Book for Genealogists, the county seat was moved to Minden.)

UPCOMING

SPRING FAMILY RESEARCH WORKSHOP COMING IN APRIL!!

Plans are underway for a superb seminar! Here are some of the bonuses you can look forward to:

Guest speaker from California, who will give helps on places to search, and how to!!

Special sales of books and GENEALOGICAL materials!!

A PHOTOGRAPHER TO TAKE PICTURES OF YOUR OLD PHOTOS AND DOCUMENTS!!

Watch for a special brochure with all the details...soon!!

FOR THE LADIES

FARM, FIELD and FIRESIDE

August 7, 1897

The Latest Fashions



New Patterns

To obtain any of the patterns which appear in this paper from week to week, fill out pattern coupon on another page, giving name, address, number and size of pattern wanted, and send to Pattern Department Farm, Field and Fireside, enclosing ten cents for each pattern ordered.

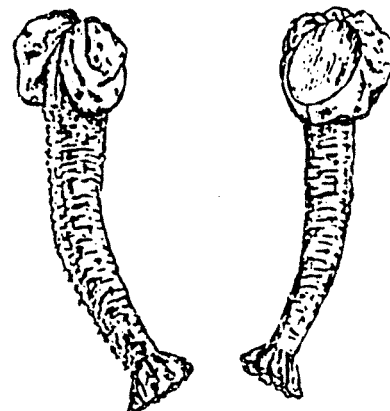
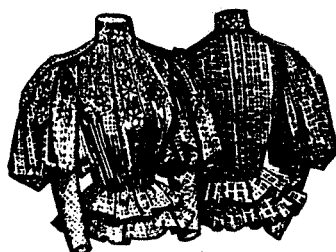
7126-Ladies Sleeve.

The dainty model here illustrated is particularly adapted to soft and pliable fabrics that will permit of gathers. As represented the material chosen is figured organdy and the decoration is lace in two widths. The foundation consists of a two-seamed lining on which a short puff is mounted that is caught through the center in butterfly effect.

The wrinkled portion is one-seamed and extends from the shoulder to wrist in mousquetaire style. The outside seam of the sleeve has a narrow outstanding frill of lace and the wrists are completed by an under one of smaller sort.

Chiffon meusseline, gauze and Swiss will make up prettily over colored silk linings, or the lining can be omitted, and the mousequetaire portion arranged to show the arm beneath.

To make these sleeves for a lady in the medium size will require two yards of forth-four inch material. The pattern no. 7126 is cut in sizes for a 32, 36 and 40 inch bust measure.



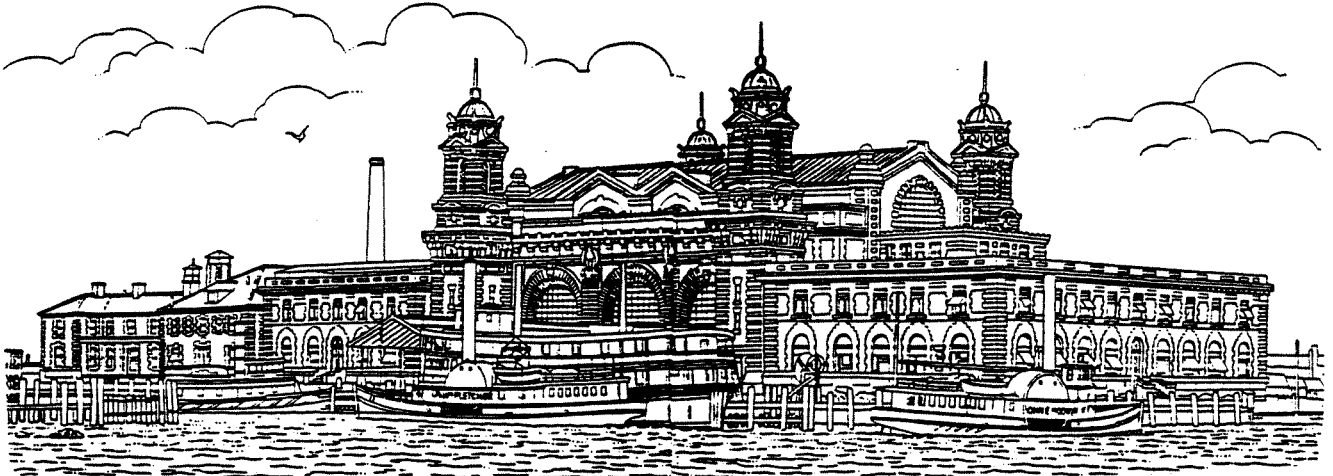
7126-Ladies' Sleeve.

YELLOWED NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS

"It's the acidity in newsprint paper that causes newspaper clippings to turn yellow. You can avoid it by soaking them in a simple solution that will give the paper a long-lasting alkaline resistance to the acidity. Four (4) tablespoons of milk of magnesia mixed in a quart of club soda will do the job. Dip clippings carefully into the solution and then spread them over some sort of supporting material like a sheet of plastic or some nylon netting until most of the moisture has dripped off. Then dry the clippings between sheets of white blotting paper under the weight of a stack of books. (Paper towels cannot be substituted for blotting paper because of their irregular surface.) Credit for this process goes to Dr. Richard D. Smith, a professor of librarianship at the University of Washington.



ELLIS ISLAND...IT'S FUTURE



The following is extracted from a newspaper article from the Tampa Tribune and furnished to us by the Southern California Genealogical Society.

The estimated 100 million Americans whose relatives arrived in the United States at Ellis Island will be able to instantly trace their history at a new computerized genealogical center planned for the restored immigration site.

The new computer project, being organized by a private group will contain information on the 17 million immigrants who landed at Ellis Island, including the date they arrived, the ship they came on, their country of origin, their physical characteristics and even the amount of money they brought to the New World. All a user would need to know is the relatives' name.

A special program now being developed would automatically help visitors whose relative's names had been changed or spelled phonetically by American immigration officials.

Plans to raise funds for the \$25 million family history center have been announced by the non-profit group, the Ellis Island Restoration Center.

The initial stages of the museum, including the renovated Great Hall, are scheduled to open in the fall of 1989, with the genealogical computer to be ready for use in 1992, the centennial of Ellis Island.

The planned family history center is to be next to the Great Hall in the main building. The materials for it already have been assembled and come from the National Archives, the Immigration and Naturalization Service and the Temple Balsch Center for Immigration Research at Temple University in Philadelphia.

The computer will display 15 types of information, including the name of the immigrant, the name of the ship, the date of arrival, country of origin, port of embarkation, occupation, level of literacy, intended destination in the United States, race, physical characteristics and data on any relatives listed as already living in America.

OCCUPATIONS

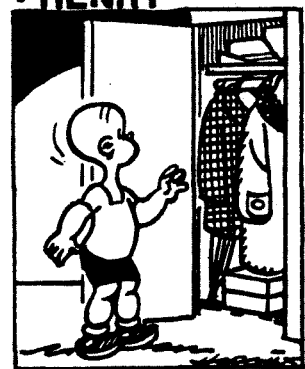


Definitions of occupations listed in old documents and records are sometimes difficult to establish. The following list of definitions appeared in the May 1988 edition of FAMILY TREE publication of Montgomery County Chapter- OGS, (P.O. Box 1584, Dayton, OH 45401-1584)

- BURNISHER - A person who polishes or shines metal
- CARDER - A person who cards or combs wool, cotton, flax, to remove impurities
- CHANDLER - A person who makes or sells candles
- COLLIER - A coal miner
- COOPER - A person who makes and repairs barrels & casks.
- CORDWAINER - A shoemaker
- CURRIER - A person who prepares tanned leather for use by soaking, scraping, beating or coloring
- DRAPER - A dealer in cloth
- DRAYMAN - A person who drives a low, strong cart used for hauling heavy loads
- DRUMMER - A traveling salesman
- FARRIER - A blacksmith who shoes horses
- FULLER - A person who cleans and thickens cloth
- GILDER - A person who makes gold or silver coins
- HOSTLER - A person who takes care of horses
- HUCKSTER - A person who sells small articles
- JOINER - A skilled carpenter who does complicated woodwork
- LONGSHOREMAN - A person who loads and unloads ships
- MALSTER - A person who makes or sells malts, a brewer
- MONGER - (fish, iron, etc.) A dealer or seller
- MULESKINNER - A teamster
- ORDINARY KEEPER - An innkeeper
- PORTER - A door keeper or gate keeper
- PUDDLER - A person who converts cast iron into wrought iron.
- QUARRIER/QUARRYMAN - A person who works in a stone quarry
- REFINER - A person who frees something from impurities
- RIGGER - A person who rigs ships or works with hoisting tackle
- SALERATUS MAKER - A person who makes baking soda
- SAWYER - A person who saws timber into planks or boards
- SLATER - A person who covers roofs
- SQUIRE - (esquire) An Englishman who practices a profession, trade or belongs to the upper middle class; a gentleman
- TEAMSTER - A person who drives horses or wagons
- TURNER - A person who shapes things on a lathe
- VICTUALLER - A person who sells food and drink
- WRIGHT - A maker of something, such as a wheelwright
- YEOMAN - A farmer owning his own land; a freeholder



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QUERIES

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Queries help locate missing relatives and/or records. Tell what is known and what is needed. Please type (double-space) or clearly print with no abbreviations please. Be sure to send your name and address on query. All queries printed in order as received and on a space-available basis. All queries will be edited

Abbreviations used in editing

b = born	corres = correspond	m = married	res = resided
bd = birth date	CW = Civil War	m1 = married first	RW = Revolutionary War
bef = before	d = die, died	m2 = married second	s = son
bp = birth place	dau = daughter	mo = mother	sib = sibling
bro = brother	desc = descendants	mov = moved	sis = sister
bur = buried	Dis = district	mp = marriage place	Twsp = township
c = about	div = divorced	par = parents	vet = veteran
cen = census	fa = father	pos = possibly	w = wife
ch = child(ren)	fam = family	prob = probably	wid = widow(er)
Co = county	hus = husband	rec = record	xch = exchange
	info = information	rel = relatives	

QUERIES

Nehaff, Reyes: Fred Nehaff and Joaquina Echvarria m Brownsville, TX. c 1899. Only child, Felicitas Echvarria Nehaff. Any help in finding German surname Nehaff? Reply to Antonio Reyes, 2305 Oakwood Ave., North Las Vegas, Nevada 89030

Brown, Van Vleet: Harvey Brown res Kent County, MI. ch Alice, William, Chancey and Rosa E. Brown. b IN. Where in IN did this fam reside? Reply to Janet Reyes, 2305 Oakwood Ave., North Las Vegas, Nevada 89030

Boyer, Johnson: Mary Frances Boyer b 3 Nov 1868 in North East, MD to William Jasper Boyer and Margaret Orleans (Gorrell or Wood). This is one of my genealogy block walls. m Harry Eugene Johnson 23 Oct 1902 in Wilmington, DE and d 18 Dec. 1950. Do any readers know of the Gorrell fam of North East, MD? Reply to Edith J. Kraemer, 612 Lantry Drive, Las Vegas, Nevada 89107

Israel, Ezell: Need par of Levi Israel (Ezell) b 1805 NC d bet 1870 and 1880 in Christian co MO. W Elizabeth Hyde b 1818 Roane co TN ch Kisiah b 1832 TN, Rachel b 1834 TN, John b 1835 TN, Martha b 1838 TN, Hiram b 1839 TN, William b 1841 TN, Robert b 1843 TN, Elizabeth b 1845 TN, Louisa b 1848 TN, Mary Adaline b 1849TN, Enoch Lafayette b 1850 MO, Jasper b 1859 MO, Reply to Patty Hutchinson, 6829 West Laredo St, Las Vegas, Nevada 89102.

Gerber, Frey, Morris, O'Daniel: Seeking any info on Thomas Gerber b 3 Dec 1856 Wells co IN m Carolina Frey 4 July 1885Rice co KA. Also need info on William Henry Morris b 30 March 1842 Newton co AK m Mary Jane O'Daniel 12 Aug 1869 Newton co AK. Reply to Joyce Kelley Morris, 6939 Pine St. Las Vegas, NV 89120

Baur, Pendergast: Marie Baur b IL March 1891 dau of John L Baur and Frances Pendergast Baur who div bet 1900 and 1902. Marie res Rock Falls, IL 1908/9 later mov to CA with mother. Reply to CoraDean Baur Carter, 6904 W. Conifer Ln. Las Vegas, NV. 89128.

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We are pleased to report we now have two Life Members, Keotah Fannin and Michael McGuire.

Keotah and Michael both have been with the Society since the beginning in 1976.

Life memberships are \$120 and can be paid in payments. If you are interested in becoming a life member and helping your Society, ask our Membership Chairman, Carol Levens for details.

Note: If there are any errors in your membership information please let your Membership Chairman know for corrections.

ELLIS ISLAND...Keep the Dream

IF YOU DON'T KEEP HIS NAME ALIVE, WHO WILL??

KEEP THE DREAM ALIVE!! \$100 PUTS FAMILY NAME
IN ELLIS ISLAND MUSEUM!!

For at least \$100, USA residents can put the name of their American Immigrant on the WALL OF HONOR at the new ELLIS ISLAND MUSEUM, soon to open.

Time is running out!! Deadline is February 28th!!

To donate: Statue of Liberty-Ellis Island Foundation, 52 Vanderbilt Ave, New York, NY 10017-3808. \$100 gets family name or specific person's name on the wall. \$1000 gets "special place of honor."

ELLIS ISLAND FACTS

- 1630 - Purchased by Colonial Governors of Nieuw Amsterdam and called Kioshk or Gull Island after the birds.
- 1776 - Now owned by Samuel Ellis with a small tavern catering to fishermen.
- 1808 - Sold to the Federal Government for \$10,000.
- 1812 - Served as an arsenal during the War of 1812.
- 1834 - Declared part of New York State.
- 1890 - U.S. Congress appropriated \$75,000. to build the first Federal immigration station on the island. Landfill doubled the size of the island to over six acres.
- 1892 - The first Ellis Island Immigration Station opened.
- 1897 - In five years, 1.5 million immigrants passed through!
- 1907 - Peak year at Ellis Island - 1,004,756 immigrants passed through. All-time daily high, 11,747 on April 17th.
- 1921 - The first Immigration Quota Law passed the Congress.
- 1954 - Ellis Island closed and declared excess Federal property.

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